TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13 1990

28 die in pitched battles as black faction fighting rages in Natal

Negotiations to start soon says Mandela

From Gavin Bell in Cape Town, Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg, Nicholas Beeston in Soweto, and Richard Ford in London

hundred supporters remained

outside the Mandelas' home,

keeping up the singing and

Mr Mandela had told the

press conference that he ex-

pected the remaining obstacles to negotiations would

earliest opportunity for a pol-

There was no contradiction

between the continuation of

the armed struggle and a

commitment to peace. "The

armed struggle is merely a

defensive act against the vi-

olence of apartheid. If the

government gives us the opportunity, we are ready to

make a positive contribution

towards a peaceful settlement.

integrity, and he seems to be

making undertakings which

. His own part in the peace

by the ANC leadership in Zambia, and he would go to

Lusaka to discuss that at the carliest opportunity.

feel safe and that we appre-

ciate the contribution they

have made towards the dev-

ation with rival black political

organizations and to win the support of leaders of the tribal

homelands accorded notional

More than 3,000 people have been killed in the past

three-and-a-half years of warfare between the Inkatha movement of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and

the ANC, and as Mr Mandela

spoke, the violence flared

One woman said the prov-

ince had turned into a blood-

bath, with people being shot, stabbed, hacked and sliced to

death with machetes. The

worst hit area was Mpumal-

anga, where at least 10 people

In several other parts of the

London, with the swearing-in

of the jury for a hearing that is

Crown's case against the brew-

ing group's former chairman and chief executive, Mr Ernest

Saunders, and his three co-

alleged illegal share support operation launched by Guin-

By Libby Jukes and Ray Clancy

domestic arrangements.

more viciously than ever.

independence by Pretoria.

elopment of our country." He also hoped for reconcili-

he fails to honour."

"Mr de Klerk is a man of

Liberalism stirs.

Political sketch.

World markets...

Parliament.

Thatcher support.

non-stop for 48 hours.

Last night only a couple of country, the celebrations of

be removed very soon, and Gatting's team is due to begin that the ANC would seize the a "test" match against South

fully aware of the danger of nothing were done to support

On white fears of domina- sources made clear that she

said: "Whites are fellow South about being in a minority of Africans, and we want them to one as long as she was right.

tion by the black majority, he did not "give two hoots"

process would be determined sweeps De Klerk away".

Mr Mandela's release turned

ugly. In Johannesburg, a white

security guard opened fire on a group of black revellers, kill-

A limpet mine explosion at

Newlands, Cape Town, badly

damaged a ticket office at the

cricket ground where Mike

Africa on Thursday, and similar explosions were also re-

ported in Paarl, Parow and

Meanwhile, the neo-fascist

Afrikaner Resistance Move-

ment predicted increased violence. Mr Eugene Terre Blanche, its leader, said it

planned to hold up to five

The fears of such a white

backlash were cited in the

Commons as Mr William

Waldegrave, the Foreign Of-

fice minister, defended the

Government's determination

The Prime Minister is will-

ing to act unilaterally to

remove a number of vol-untary sanctions, and Mr Waldegrave told MPs that if

those wishing to negotiate, Britain would be blamed

"when the white backlash

With Labour accusing the

Prime Minister of being iso-

lated at the United Nations

and in the Commonwealth,

Mrs Thatcher would go

ahead with her invitation to

Mr Mandela, who said yes-terday that he would seek

ANC advice before replying.

SANCTIONS TOPAY.

came after a DTI investigation

into the takeover battle when

Guinness beat a rival bid from

Mr Saunders; Mr Gerald

Ronson, chairman of Britain's

City stockbroker, and Sir Jack

Lyons, a millionaire financier

The charges, page 2

the Companies Act.

Guinness trial jury gets

ready for long hearing

By Paul Wilkinson

The Guinness trial finally got under way yesterday at Southwark Crown Court, south Distillers in 1986. The charges

Today details of the second largest privately-own-rown's case against the brew-ed group, the Heron Corpora-tion; Mr Anthony Paries, a

accused will be outlined by Mr and arts patron, deny 24 charges alleging theft, false

The case arises out of an accounting and breaches of

expected to last up to six Guinness beat a ri months. The jury was given the rest of the day off to settle

Mr Saunders:

Mr Mandela had earlier

to ease sanctions.

protest marches a week.

Soweto. No-one was hurt.

ing one and wounding four.

Mr Nelson Mandela last night drove to a secret location after expressing confidence that negotiations with the De Klerk Government for a nonracial society would begin

But as the newly-re-leased African National Congress leader described his hopes for a peaceful, democratic society, battles raged between rival black factions in Natal, killing at least 28 people.

And in Soweto, about a hundred people fainted in the crush at the Orlando Stadium where 50,000 had gathered to see Mr Mandela, only to be disappointed as his homecoming was postponed again.

Mr Mandela had flown by private jet from Cape Town where he held a press conference at the home of Archbishop Desmond Tutu - to Johannesburg, and is believed to have spent the night at the suburban home of Mr Richard Maponya, a wealthy black

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INSIDE Lawson



to a dose of the sort of sanctimonious humbug which is characteristic of sections of the British Press. It is the politics of envy and an awful lot of humbug." On page 10 Nigel Lawson talks to Barbara Amiel about money, Mrs Thatcher. his past, and his future

Portfolio **PLATINUM**

 Three readers shared yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize (see page 3). Today's game: page 24

Sketchley bid Sketchley, the dry cleaning to vending machines group, is attempting to fight off a £137.6 million takeover bid

from Godfrey Davis, the Sunlight laundry services to motor

Boxing turmoil The boxing world was in turmoil after the decision to declare the heavyweight title bout between Mike Tyson and

James Douglas void .. Page 42

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Snow reports		

Snowfalls in the North of England and Scotland yesterday added to the problems caused by the high winds and torrential rain that continued to plague much of the country. Avalanche warnings and high winds in the Scottish mountains prevented skiers from enjoying fresh snowfalls of more than 2in in places. The weathermen warned that stormy, unsettled conditions will persist for

the next few days, with milder weather not expected until Friday. Snow caused road closures on the A66 trans-Pennine route between Penrith and Scotch Corner and many

London and Glasgow were disrupted when trees brought down power lines near Beattock, Dumfries and Galloway, and police warned drivers of high-sided vehicles on the M6 in Cumbria of high winds and snow.

Conditions on roads in the North deteriorated overnight and the

Detailed forecasts... police warned that snow could turn to ice, making driving treacherous.

In mid-Wales, heavy snowfalls blocked the A44 trunk road at Eisteddfa Gurig on the Powys-Dyfed border near Aberystwyth. Elsewhere, huge waves whipped up by high winds high passes in the Lake District were flooded homes around Colwyn Bay,

Snowfall adds to misery of high winds and rain in Camarthen, Dyfed. The railway line to Cardiff was cut off by further flooding of the Severn near

An RAF helicopter winchman was in intensive care in Gwynedd Hospital last night after a mishap on exercise. The winchman, from RAF Valley, Anglesey, had been lowered by helicopter to a ledge on Holy Island, near Holyhead. When the aircraft returned moments later to pick him up, he was found unconscious in the

In Shrewsbury, police launched a helicopter search for a car seen near the river at a point where it was thought to have become more than 20ft deep, Workmen at Ludlow

Castle, Shropshire, jumped to safety moments before a section of the 30ft, 14th-century perimeter wall collapsed, demolishing their scaffolding.

More than 120,000 homes in

Somerset lost their electricity supply when the Hinkley Point nuclear power station was automatically closed down by sensors, because of the danger of salt spray from the Bristol Channel blowing on to a nearby sub-station.

Storm force winds battered the South-west and South of England, with gusts of more than 80mph. Extra engineers were called in 10 restore power to 2,000 people in Devon and 6,000 in Cornwall and a passenger ferry sank at its moorings on the



Quiet charm in a flower garden

From Gavin Bell, Cape Town

modest man with no trace of for posterity.

cious surroundings of Arch-bishop Desmond Tutu's official residence on the slopes of Table Mountain in suburban Cape Town.

The historic mansion and Continued on page 20, col 7 extensive grounds provided a magnificent setting. For the benefit of photographers, Mr Mandela and Winnie, his wife, strolled hand in hand through the flower garden, for all the world like shy newly-weds. In front of them Archbishop Tutu gambolled - there is really no other way of describ-

Mr Nelson Mandela emerges ing his ebullient behaviour — from a lifetime of persecution as the happiness of the reas a courteous, articulate and united couple was recorded

In contrast with the pan-demonium of his release, the Zindzi, and their grand veteran revolutionary ap- children. Then there were peared before the world's poses with political comrades, Congress supporters on the lawn chanted Mr Mandela's name in a soft refrain. Finally, in response to a

request from Chris Harris, the photographer from The Times, Mr Mandela stood alone, a gaunt but erect figure in a light brown suit, squinting in the strong sunlight, at once a distinguished elderly gentle-man and the symbol of resistance to racial oppression. Journalists are not given to applauding speakers at press

Continued on page 6, col 6 In panie: A child pashed against a barrier at the Soweto stadium as crowds awaited Mr Mandela.

in Soviet republic

Moscow (AFP) - The Soviet central Asian republic of Tajikistan declared a state of emergency yesterday because of mass disorders, accompa-nied by arson and looting in the capital Dushanbe. A 10 pm

to 6am curfew was imposed. Tass reported "demonstrations... pogroms, fires and looting." It gave no casualty figures nor said what had caused the violence, but reports linked it to plans to resettle Armenian refugees.



Emergency Power price rise to outstrip inflation

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

above the current rate of inflation from April, the Government announced yesterday as it gave further details of the £15 billion privatization of the industry.

In the following two years the politically sensitive run-up to the next general election rises will be pegged to the

overall increase in prices. The package, unveiled in the Commons by Mr John Wakeham, the Secretary of State for Energy, reassured Conservative MPs worried that the sale would be accom-

panied by much bigger bills. Labour insisted that prices because of reductions in the price of coal. Mr Frank Dobfor privatization. He also competition.

Domestic electricity consum- criticized the government deers face price increases slightly cision to abandon plans to reduce acid rain through a £2 billion programme to clean up power station emissions of sulphur dioxide by fitting "scrubbers".

Mr Wakeham replied that the Government was commit-

Industrial bills.

ted to achieving the targets set out in a European convention on pollution control.

Industrial consumers of electricity such as British Steel benefit from their electricity charges being pegged to the rate of inflation in 1990-91. did not need to increase at all After that they must negotiate terms.

Mr Wakeham said he exson, its chief energy spokesman, maintained that the enjoy price reductions as they pected many big customers to. industry was being fattened up benefit from the effects of

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your outgoings — and ease your mind. 14.3% Typical APR (For 13.4%) But the mortgage that suits you best won't necessarily be

the one that offers the lowest interest rate.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Union faces fresh call for 999 strike

national strike when they meet more than 200 shop stewards from around the country tomorrow to discuss how the 22week dispute can be sustained (Tim Jones writes).

Although a growing number of ambulance workers are demanding an escalation of the action, Mr Roger Poole, the unions' chief negotiator, and his colleagues are confident that they can resist calls to abandon 999 emergency cover. They are likely instead to renew their calls for more talks

with Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health.

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Minister of State for Health, yesterday promised a top-level meeting to try to reduce the working hours of junior doctors. Her pledge was made after a meeting in Bradford with two representatives of junior

doctors fighting a local campaign to reduce their hours.

Mrs Bottomley said: "There is a big drop in the number of junior doctors doing onerous rotas. We want further good progress so by next September only one in eight will be progress to provide the contents and the said of the

Police hunt gunman

Police were last night hunting a man who fired shots on a Liverpool to Southport passenger train. The shots broke a passenger window in the central carriage and the remains of shotgun pellets were found inside the carriage by British Transport Police and Merseyside Police. No one was

Judge censures police

Two policemen who ignored a judge's order not to talk to each other during a trial in which Mr Kevin Taylor, a Manchester businessman, was acquitted of fraud were yesterday censured in court. Detective Inspector Tony Stephenson and Detective Sergeant Keith Ware admitted discussing a document during an overnight adjournment. Judge Sachs, at Manchester Crown Court, said he accepted that the officers were deeply ashamed and that their court appearance was sufficient punishment. The document "could not have affected the trial outcome".

Backing for assembly

An elected assembly for Wales would be supported by most Welsh people, according to a survey published yesterday. The study, by Beaufort Research, showed that 56 per cent of the 1,076 respondents would support an assembly with substantial powers over public spending. Only 24 per cent of those questioned at 60 sampling points throughout Wales opposed the creation of an assembly.

The poll, carried out for the Western Mail, shows a dramatic about-turn from the 1979 devolution referendum when plans for an assembly were defeated by four to one.

Army bravery award

A tank commander received the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct yesterday for saving an Army captain during an exercise in Canada last May. Corporal John Perry, aged 30, acted after his Chieftain overturned and crushed a Land-Rover, trapping an exercise referee. Cpl Perry, fought through flames to drag out Captain Julian Snell, who was seriouly injured, seconds before the vehicle exploded. The corporal, from Wool, Dorset, suffered second degree burns.

Papers face damages

Two newspaper groups in dispute over the "lifting" of stories must pay each other damages after a High Court ruling yesterday. Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, held that the Daily Star had infringed Today's "reporter's copyright" in quotes by Miss Marina Ogilvy, but did not outlaw the rewriting of stories from rival papers. It was held last year that Today breached the copyright of the Daily Star's sister, the Daily Express. Law Report, page 30

By-election test for Tories

Ulster Unionist MP dies of cancer

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Conservative party in Northern Ireland will be tested at a The statement quotes by-election in the province following the death yesterday of Mr Harold McCusker, the Ulster Unionist MP.

The struggle to succeed Mr McCusker as MP for Upper Bann will be watched closely by officials at Conservative entral Office and within the Unionist leadership as the forthcoming by-election is the first since local Conservative associations won official support to affiliate with the payment of National Union. It will also be at the pact. the first time since partition in 1921 that a Conservative par

General Election 1987: J H McCusker (OUP) 26,037, Mrs B Rodgers (SDLP) 8,676, Mr B Curran (PSF) 3,126, Mrs M Cook (All) 2,487, Mr T French (WP) 2,004. OUP majority 17,361.

hamentary candidate has Mr McCusker, aged 50, died

of cancer in hospital early yesterday. He had first been treated for the illness 16 years ago, and leaves a wife, Jennifer, and three sons.

He was elected as an MP in 1974, having previously been a schoolteacher and production and personnel officer with the Goodyear Tyre Company. He was a strong oppo-nent of the Angio-Irish

In a bitter condemnation of the Government released after his death. Mr McCusker reiterated his opposition to the

Crufts last

The strength of support for the pact between Dr Garret Fitz-The statement quotes the words he used in the House of Commons debate on the agreement in 1985, when he said he would carry to his grave the sense of injustice he had done to his constituents by exhorting them to put their trust in the House of Com-

> meet its obligation to treat them as equal British citizens. In 1987, he served a brief prison sentence for the nonpayment of car tax in protest

mous, which would one day

Mr McCusker had a majority of 17,361 at the last General Election in a five-cornered contest for the safe unionist seat.

A Conservative association was founded in the constituency last month and it is expected to affiliate with the national union at a meeting of the executive committee next week. The association is to pick a local person for the byelection, although it is understood that the Rev lan Paisley's Democratic Unionist party will not field a candidate.

The contest will be watched by Unionists for any sign that the Conservative challenge is eroding their traditional support, especially among middle class voters.

Among those being suggested as contenders for the Ulster Unionist nomination are Mr Arnold Hatch, a local councillor, Mr Drew Nelson, a young solicitor and even Mr McCusker's wife.

Guinness case starts — in the canteen

The Guinness affair fraud trial finally began yesterday with the jury panel being selected in the courthouse canteen,

Almost three years after inquiries began into alleged irregularities in the brewing group's 1986 battle with the Argyll food chain for control of the Distillers drinks empire, more than 100 potential jurors assembled at Southwark Crown Court, south London yesterday for the opening of

Mr Justice Henry called for extra jurors because of the expected difficulty of selecting 12 people to see through a trial likely to last up to six months.

Even the specially adapted number two court could not accommodate them, so the judge found himself sitting at a cafeteria table next to the cashier's desk, examining each of his potential jurors.

They had each been issued with a three-page ques-tionnaire asking if they had any connection with the four defendants, or any pressing endants, or any pressing domestic arrangement that six months' jury service would disrupt.

The whole scene was witessed by the accused and their barristers, ranged along-side on the brown plastic

After 40 minutes, 20 potential jurors were found and the whole circus trooped up a floor for the day's work to begin in earnest. Then, after another delay for more of the behind-the-scenes activities



Order in court: Mr Ernest Saunders, in the foreground, with his co-defendants, Mr Gerald Rouson (to his left), Mr Anthony Parnes and Sir Jack Lyons, in the specially modified courtroom where the dock has been replaced by plastic tables. On the judge's bench, the only piece of farniture unmoved, is Mr Justice Henry. The jary sits to his right.

that have been a feature of the ment of 24 charges alleging have the afternoon off to sort beforehand. "You are the counsel on both sides."

He told them they should start with an open mind and

case since charges were first false accounting, theft and out any problems the length of judges of the evidence and laid, 12 jurors were sworn in without problem.

Act. Then Mr Justice Henry

He told them they should start with an open mind and decide this case. You should It took the clerk of the court told the seven men and five empty their minds of anything keep an open mind until you 25 minutes to read the indict- women of the jury they could they had heard about the case have heard all that is said by

Today Mr John Chadwick, one of three QCs engaged by the Crown will outline the Ra

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prosecution case. It revolves around allegations of an illegal share sunport operation by Guinness during its £2.7 billion takeover

battle with Argyll for Dis-

Seven leading City figures including the former Guinness chairman and chief executive, Ernest Saunders, face charges, but Mr Justice Henry ruled last September that because of the complexity of the case it should be split into two consecutive trials.

Today's involves Mr Saunders, aged 54; Gerald Ronson, aged 50, chairman of Heron International; the former City stockbroker Anthony Parnes, aged 44; and the financier Sir Jack Lyons, aged 74. They deny all the charges against

The court at Southwark has been specially adapted to accommodate the trial at a cost of £15,000. Every fixture except the judge's bench has been ripped out. Four rows of office furniture

replaced the lawyers benches and one wall of the courtroom has disappeared behind a library of box files, legal papers and documents. The dock has been replaced by four plain plastic-topped

The jury occupies a purpose-built box by the judge's bench and every spare seat will be taken up by journalists from all over the world. The trial is expected to cost

The four accused and the charges against them

The accused are: Ernest Wal- had rendered services to with Distillers acquisitions". £1,940,000 was due from may have been misleading, ter Saunders, 54, of Putney, Guinness in the amount of 8. False accounting: Parnes Guinness as "Fee for advisory false or deceptive in that it ter Saunders, 54, of Putney, Guinness is south-west London, former £2,875,000. chairman and chief executive of Guinness; Gerald Maurice Ronson, 50, of Winnington Road, Hampstead, north-west London, head of the Heron International group; Anthony Keith Parnes, 44, of London, a stockbroker, and Sir Isidore Jack Lyons, 74, of Campden Hill, Kensington, west London.

The charges, relating to various dates in 1986, allege: 1. Conspiracy to contravene Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958: Ernest Walter Saunders and Gerald Maurice Ronson conspired together and with Anthony Keith Parnes to induce Distillers shareholders to dispose of their shares in consideration for acquiring Guinness shares by dishonestly concealing that Guinness had given an indemnity to Heron International group companies in connec-tion with the purchase and subsequent sale of Guinness shares; and that a fee of £5 million would be paid if the Guinness bid for Distillers succeeded.

2. Companies Act 1985; Saunders authorized or permitted Guinness to contravene the Companies Act 1985 by giving financial assistance for the acquisition of its own shares by giving an indemnity to the Heron International group in connection with the purchase and subsequent sale of Guinness shares and agree ing to pay a fee of £5 million if the Guinness bid for Distillers succeeded; Ronson aiding and abetting the offence.

3. False accounting: Ronson falsified a Heron Managements Ltd invoice purporting to show that £2,875,000 was due from Guinness for "Services rendered year 31.3.87" and that Heron Managements

payment by Guinness, produced or made use of a Heron Managements invoice which deceptive in that it purported to his knowledge was or may to show that £3,350,000 was have been misleading, false or due from Guinness "For Cordeceptive in that it purported to show that £2,875,000 was due from Guinness for "Services rendered year 31.3.87". 5. Theft: Saunders and

Ronson stole the right of Guinness to debit £2,875,000 to its account with National Westminster Bank.

6. False accounting: Ronson and Parnes falsified a Pima Service Corporation invoice purporting to show that \$4,800,000 was due from Guinness "For professional advice provided in connection with Distillers acquisitions".

company, produced a Pima Service Corporation invoice which to his knowledge was or may have been misleading, false or deceptive in that it Commerce (CIPCO) invoice subsequent sale of Guinness purported to show that which to their knowledge was shares. \$4,800,000 was due from or may have been misleading, 15. Fa Guinness "For professional advice provided in connection purported to show that a ZKB invoice which was or show that £3 million was due

By Frances Gibb

Legal Affairs Correspondent

Jurors in the Guinness trial who face loss

of earnings may receive compensation of

up to about £8,000 if they sit for six

months, as a result of the Lord Chan-

However, for many jurors a long trial will still mean a loss of income. Those

who coatinue to be paid by employers do

not qualify for any loss of earnings

running to six months, the chances of

wance; on the other hand, with a trial

cellor's rules for jarors' allowances.

falsified a Consultations et in an entry which was or may have been misleading, false or

porate Finance Advice Suc-

cess Fee as agreed".

9. False accounting: Saunders and Parnes, for the purpose of procuring payment by Guin-ness, produced or made use of a C&I invoice which to their to show that £1,495,000 was knowledge was or may have due from Guinness for "Work been misleading, false or in connection with the ac-deceptive in that it purported quisition of Distillers". to show that £3,350,000 was due from Guinness "For Cor- the Prevention of Fraud

cess Fee as agreed". 10. Theft: Parnes stole the by Guinness, produced or made use of a Compagnie

Guinness as "Fee for advisory false or deceptive in that it service, Re: Distillers PLC". 4. False accounting: Saunders, Investissements SA (C&I) infor the purpose of procuring voice by making or concurring right of Guinness to debit £1.940,000 to its account with National Westminster Bank. 13. False accounting: Saunders and Parnes, for the purpose of procuring payment

by Guinness, produced or made use of an Erlanger & Company invoice which to their knowledge was or may have been misleading, false or 14. Conspiracy to contravene

porate Finance Advice Suc- (Investments) Act 1958; Saunders and Lyons conspired to induce Distillers shareholders right of Guinness to debit to dispose of their shares in £3,350,000 to its account with consideration for acquiring 7. False accounting: Saunders, for the purpose of procuring payment by the Guinness and Parnes, for the given in respect of losses and purpose of procuring payment expenses incurred by Zentralsparkasse und Kommerzial Bank Wien (ZKB) in connec-Internationale de Finance et tion with the purchase and

or may have been misleading.

15. False accounting: Lyons false or deceptive in that it made an entry in the draft for

employers reimbursing their absent staff

The daily allowance for jurous is £32.35 for the first 10 days of any case.

After that, there is a discretionary sum

for loss of earnings of up to £64.70 a day.

If the jaror normally earns £50 a day, for example, that is what he or she will

However, no one will be paid more

It is therefore possible that each juror

than the discretionary limit, even if they

purported to show that monies were due from Guinness in respect of "Consultancy services re: Acquisitions and commercial investments in Europe" and "Out of pocket Guinness, produced or made expenses".

Guinness, produced or made use of a Konsultat invoice 16. Faise accounting: Saun-

ders and Lyons, for the purpose of procuring payment by Guinness, produced a ZKB invoice which to their knowledge was or may have been misleading, false or deceptive in that it purported to show that £254,000 was due from Guinness "For consultancy services re: Acquisitions and commercial investments in Europe" and "Out of pocket

17. Companies Act 1985: Saunders authorized or permitted Guinness to contravene the Companies Act 1985 by paying ZKB £254,000 to wholly or partly restore ZKB's financial position after it had acquired shares in Guinness; Lyons aided and abetted the offence. 18. False accounting: Lyons falsified a Konsultat SA invoice by making or concurring in an entry which was or may have been misleading, false or deceptive in purporting to

Jurors may get £8,000 for loss of earnings

In addition, jarors are entitled to a subsistence allowance, paid to cover the

cost of genuine travel expenses. Jurors are paid £1.60 an hour if they travel for less than five hours on public transport; £3.25 for five to 10 hours; and £7.10 an hour for over 10 hours of travel.

could qualify for up to £7,764, plus the first 10-day allowance of £323, if the trial runs for six months, about 130 working PLC

There are also mileage rates for those who travel by car or motorcycle.

from Guinness "For Pro-fessional and Advisory Services including Disbursements". 19. False accounting: Saun-

ders and Lyons, for the purpose of procuring payment by which to their knowledge was or may have been misle false or deceptive in purporting to show that £3 million was due from Guinness "For Professional and Advisory Services including all Disbursements".

20. Theft: Lyons stole the right of Guinness to debit £3 million to its account with National Westminster Bank.

21. Conspiracy to contravene the Companies Act 1985: Lyons conspired with Thomas Joseph Ward, a director and officer of Guinness, that Ward would authorize Guinness to pay £300,000 by 12 instal-ments of £25,000 each, in-directly to reduce or discharge liabilities in acquiring shares in Guinness. 22. False accounting: Sann-

ders, for the purpose of procuring payment by Guinness, produced a Marketing & Acquisitions Consultants Ltd. (MAC) invoice, which to his knowledge was or may have been misleading, false or deceptive in purporting to show that £5,200,000 was due from Guinness for "Advice in relation to strategy and execution in respect of the successful acquisition of Distillers

23. Theft: Saunders stole the right of Guinness to debit £5,200,000 to its account with National Westminster Bank. 24. Destroying company documents: Saunders destroyed a jotting book, correspondence, part pages of address books and a 1986 diary relating to

Gas customer complaints double

By Robin Young

The number of customer complaints to the Office of Gas Supply (Ofgas) doubled last year, and in one area, North Thames, they nearly trebled. Most of the 431 complaints

Ofgas investigated concerned disputes over the size of bills. It now appeared unlikely there would be much effective competition to British Gas before 1993, Mr James McKinnon, the director-general of gas supply, said when presenting his annual report vesterday.

"We believe that the major

not come ashore until late off" gas so that they could 1992 or 1993." Mr McKinnon raised the

an earlier date.

He confirmed that an anomaly in British Gas pricing encourages some large users to burn up to one-third more gas than they need, to reduce their final bills.

of discrepancies by which British Gas reduced its prices to industrial and commercial users in steps, thus encouragountity of new gas in which sumption was toward the top their bills go up, while the other suppliers will share will end of one price scale to "flare who waste gas save money."

qualify for a lower bill, he said. An anomaly remains, howpossibility that British Gas ever, in the distinction be- consumption would be beshould take voluntary steps to tween tariff and contract make competition possible at customers, which is set at an annual consumption of 25,000

earn more.

Contract prices are 10p per therm lower than the domestic tariff and customers with a number of individual premises can benefit from further tariff so that charges fell Ofeas had removed a series reductions in the contract smoothly according to the sector, though not on the ordinary tariff.

Local authorities and businesses which institute energying many whose usual con- saving programmes can find sumption was toward the top their bills go up, while those

told that it can be worthwhile for users whose ordinary tween 18,000 and 19,000 therms to turn up the heat and open the windows so that they burn a third more gas to take them over the 25,000-therm level and into the contract He would favour a revised

Mr McKinnon said: "I am

amount used after the first 5,000 therms. The change need not reduce British Gas profits. Annual Report of the Office of

Gas Supply 1989 (Statio

accountant lunching at the Café des Amis du Vin in In his counter-attack, Mr Blunkett

Mr Blunkett acccused the Government of seeking a formula to protect Conservative councils which set high poll tax figures while punishing Labour councils. "It is astonishing that local authorities are being threatened by Government ministers who have consistently refused to publish or even inform councils of the rules to

Little green bottle rides out a storm

By Ray Clancy

green bottles containing the of a problem." fashionable Perrier bubbles In other n was not diminished among restaurant-goers yesterday in spite of tests being carried out after a contamination scare in the United States. Most London gourmets

seemed unaware of the discovery by American scientists of small quantities of benzene, a solvent which has been linked with cancer, in Perrier bottles in North Carolina and Georgia.

They had not heard either that the Ministry of Agri-

culture, Fisheries and Food had ordered tests in Britain es a precautionary m "Contaminated Perrier, really, I hadn't heard that," Mr John Morris, aged 28, an

Covent Garden, said. "If it is in America that proves it, the Americans are a bit faddy about these things. If we listened to every food and drink scare we would believe

that everything gives you can-cer," he added, drinking another glass of Perrier. His fellow diner Mr Richard James, aged 30, also an accountant, said; "I drink Perrier because I like the taste, the bubbles and the bottle. I would not consider

The popularity of the chic unless there was real evidence

In other restaurants and bars the "eau minerale naturelle gazeuse" was evident on most tables. Le Muscadet restaurant in the West End said: "Perrier is by far the most popular mineral water. It could be the shape of the bottle, the unique bubbles or the taste, but it is very, very

About 240 million litres of Perrier will be drunk nationally in 1990 according to Perrier UK which has ordered independent tests of its own.

The French parent company has ruled out contaminati source. The Perrier Group has voluntarily recalled its entire stock in the United States and Canada while it investigates the possibility of contamination but there are no plans to do likewise in Europe.

Perrier said the British supplies bottled at Vergèze in the south of France used a different production line from the one for American stocks.

The Ministry of Agriculture said results of tests in Britain were not expected for several days. "The tests are being carried out as a precaution. We expect results soon and we stress there is no cause for alarm and no immediate danger to public health."

French share rush, page 8

London show Crufts Dog Show said goodbye to Earls Court, London, yesterday. (Ruth Gledhill writes).

The show was won by a West Highland White Terrier. Highland White Terrier.

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Patten accuses Labour over poll tax details

By Nigel Williamson Political Staff

The bitter dispute over the poll tax, which looks set to dominate the political agenda in the run-up to May's local elections, continued yesterday with the exchange of letters between the Government and Opposition front benches.

In a letter to Mr Neil Kinnock, who said at the weekend that he was in no hurry to reveal the details of Labour's poll tax alternative, Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, said it was intolerable that the Opposition should enter the local elections covering up its intentions and "preventing public debate about

And in a letter to Mr Patten, Mr David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, called for the Government to publish the criteria under which it intended to limit or "cap" the spending of councils which set poll tax levels above those recommended by the Department of the Environment

The exchanges came after Labour had partially unveiled its plans, involving a local government tax based on property values but linked to Mr Patten accused the Opposition of cynical evasion in failing to provide

full details of its alternative which, he

said, would "hit people who better

themselves by clobbering them with higher and higher local tax bills".

Government ministers believe they have dealt the Opposition a body blow with their accusations of a "roof tax" and Mr Patten drove the point home yesterday, suggesting that Lab-our would tax home improvements and that pensioners living in areas where property values were improving would be particularly hard hit. Mr Patten also sought to exploit

apparent differences on the Opposition front bench over its proposals. Although Mr Kinnock and Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, have said that they do not intend to finalize their proposals in detail until after the local elections, Mr Patten pointed out that Mr Donald Dewar, the Scottish spokesman, had said last week that it would

be "cynical" to withold the plans until after the May polling date.

said suggestions by ministers that high-spending authorities could have their poll tax levels capped were "signs of panic among ministers who are becoming increasingly desperate in their efforts to avoid the blame for the poll tax".

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Rape in marriage could be made a criminal offence

a review of the law yesterday Scotland to consider making rape within marriage a criminal

The review, which will be carried out by the Law Commission, was announced in a written Parliamentary answer by Mr John Patten, minister of state at the Home Office.

A consultation paper is expected to be ready early next year. Mr Patten said, however, that the Government "will consider the conclusions most carefully" before taking any decision to seek changes in the

The issue was last examined by the Government in 1984 when the Criminal Law Revision Committee concluded by a narrow majority that a change in the law was not desirable as it raised issues about the nature of marriage and about violence in the domestic context which went beyond the scope of the

Under guidelines first set down in 1736 it has long been held in law that marriage in itself constituted consent to

However, a Scottish High Court ended husbands' legal immunity north of the Border last year when it ruled that a man could be charged with raping his wife when the two were living together. The decision was upheld on appeal and was widely welcomed by women's groups.

The Government's review will now examine the case for bringing the law in England tries, the Soviet Union and

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Mr Patten said that the decision to look at the ques-tion again had come out of the ministerial group on women's issues, of which he is chairman. The group has been concerned with an increase in domestic violence.

Mr Patten said: "The Government believes that legislation in this area should proceed from a broad measure

A change in the law to make

boys aged 14 legally liable for rape is proposed in a private member's Bill due before the mons this week (Frances Gibb writes). Sir William Shelton, Tory MP for Streatham, south London, has put forward the measure, which has Home Office supports, as part of his Bill to tighten the law on kerb-crawling. He said he had come across a nu had attacked women.

of agreement after careful examination of the wider

· Changes in the law on rape in marriage would end one of the anomalies of English law under which the police can prosecute a husband for indecent assault yet are power-less to deal with the more serious crime of rape (Our Crime Correspondent writes).

According to Women Against Rape, the English legal system limps behind a number of other countries. Several Scandanavian counStates and Australia already have legislation against rape

The organization said that, at present, the only chance for a wife to bring a prosecution is if she is legally separated from her husband or there is an order on the husband against contact with his wife. A west London court sentenced a man to five years in 1987 for a rape which involved a breach of such a court order.

Yesterday, both women's groups and police who spec-ialize in domestic violence, welcomed the possibility of change in the English system but warned that a new law could reveal a powerful under-LOW OF CHISES.

No one knows exactly how many cases might be prompted by legal change but few doubt the number could

Women Against Rape pro-duced a survey in 1985 of London women showing that one in seven said they were raped in marriage. Many never come forward because of the problems of leaving home and supporting their

About 200 of the 286 women dealt with over the past 10 months by one of the new London police centres specializing in domestic vi-olence have mentioned rape.

One investigator said yesterday that a new law may well open the floodgates of cases putting greater pressure on the rape centres now being op-erated by most police forces.



Himalayas trip on a penny-farthing

from Westminster Bridge yesterday on the penny-farthing that he will ride over the Himalayas. The ride proper will begin from Delhi on Friday, finishing 10

days and 600km later in a Tibetan New Year audience with the Dalai Lama at his residence in Dharmsala. For Mr Graham, aged 47, from Barnes, west London, it will be his first trip to India and he

hopes to raise £20,000 for the British charity Help Tibet to maintain and equip health clinics serving both Indians and an estimated 100,000 Tibetan refugees in

PORTFOLIO Win helps marketing of ski suit

Three winners shared yes terday's Portfolio Platinum prize of £2,000, including an inventor who will use his prize to market high-technology ski suits.

Mr David Conway, Worthing, West Sussex; Mr Syrl Williams, of Wey-mouth, Dorset; and Mr Alan Vero, of Surbiton, Surrey, will each receive £666.66.

Mr Williams, a retires stretch fabric for ski suits, yachting clothing and pos-sibly diving gear, said he plans to produce 50 garneuts in the next few weeks

"The fabric contains sive so I might use the money to help with production," he

Mr Conway, who has read The Times for over 25 years, said he will buy his wife an extra-large valentine and take her out for dinner.

Lady Thynne forced to stack bottles'

Suzanne, Lady Valentine Thynne, suffered a severe back injury after being forced to stack cases of champagne on shelves, the High Court was told yesterday.

Lady Thynne, aged 46, was working as a catering supervi-sor for G T Management Ltd, investment managers, of 8 Devonshire Square, London, when she suffered a prolapsed disc, the court was told.

Lady Thynne alleges the company was negligent and in breach of its duty by requiring her to push heavy trolleys and lift loads likely to cause injury. The allegations are denied. The case continues today.

as trip to see witness is refused

By Mark Souster

A man charged with rape was freed yesterday after a Metro-politan Police detective said financial restrictions prevented him from going to Glasgow to find the alleged victim.

Judge Lambrey freed Kenneth Hamilton, aged 30, who arrest last August, after Detec-tive Constable Michael Faires said he would have had a better chance of finding the victim if he had been allowed to go to Scotland. However, the cost had not been sanctioned.

Mr Brian Warner, for the prosecution, said: "It fits in with lots of monetary restrictions on police officers at present." The judge said: "It seems very odd to me that the police cannot go, to make inquiries unless there is an authorization for the cost."

He turned down a prosecution application for a further delay in the case against Mr Hamilton, of north London, after it was adjourned last month because the alleged victim did not appear.

Mr Colin Campbell, for the defence, said no evidence was offered against Mr Hamilton when he pleaded not guilty to burglary with an offensive weapon, a knife, and intent to rape a university student, aged 20, at a flat at Tottenham, north London, last August. He also denied indecent assault.

The judge was told the student moved to Glasgow soon after the alleged incident and left a forwarding address. She then moved again and failed to keep in contact with the officer in charge.

The judge said the student would have to accept a substantial part of the blame for failing to keep in touch.

The Metroplitan Police said last night it would not have been "operationally constructive" to send a detective as there was little prospect of the witness being found.

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- on Valentine's Day - just

Nigel Carrington, the actor ho has tried to make

Nigel less jolly and silly, was

the Radio 4 soap opera.

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Man freed | PC says inspector took part in race abuse campaign

By John Young

A police inspector who spent 10 years in the Royalty and Diplomatic Protection Service and was at one time responsible for guarding the Princess Royal, was accused yesterday of taking part in a campaign of racial abose against a black

An industrial tribunal in Ashford, Kent, was told that between Christmas 1988 and April 26, 1989, while both Inspector lan Thirkell and Police Constable William



Inspector Thirkell: Accuse of racial discrimination

Halliday were based at Orpington, Kent, the latter was subjected to racial abuse at least a dozen times a day. Mr Thirkell is accused, together with the Metropolitan Police, of racial dis-

PC Halliday, aged 30, told the tribunal that he joined the police in August 1978 and began work at Orpington in June 1985. Until December 1988 he had been the target of some racial jokes but they were generally light-hearted. However, from about

Christmas 1988 certain people had begun saying to him "hello coon" or "hello nigger". He had been called "a spade" and "blackie". He told the tribunal this would happen about a dozen times during an eight-hour duty.

"There were also a lot of references to my new child, whether or not I would bring him up to snatch white ladies' handbags, or even to rape

white women," he said.
PC Halliday said three people were responsible for was Mr Thirkell. Asked by his counsel, Mr Kuttun Menon how he felt about it, PC surprised by the frequency of

Mr Menon said language used by Mr Thirkell and some colleagues went far beyond banter. PC Halliday eventually made a complaint to Scotland Yard on the advice of the Police Federation.

The case had been brought before the tribunal because it appeared that all internal procedures had been ex-hausted. Mr Menon said he doubted whether there had been any serious investiga-tion; Scotland Yard officers had not only not pursued the had also failed to carry out any

proper investigation.

Mr Menon said that on the night of April 25 last year, after PC Halliday had endured four months of abuse, he was working with a another constable in a radio car. They agreed to take a tea-break at Chislehurst station and during that break the other man said: You are not drinking tea while you're in my car."

He replied that he would do so whenever he liked, at which point the other constable stormed out and was later nowhere to be seen.
PC Halliday returned to

Orpington to report the incident and was told that he had taken too much time off. Mr Thirkell refused to listen to his explanations. He was taken off car duties and put on routine station officer work which was far less interesting. The hearing continues.

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The Archers Pargetter 'leaves' Ambridge

Nigel Pargetter, the wimpish Hooray Henry of The Archers, that after long and hard cousideration, I have decided we no longer need the part of Nigel has been written out of the long-running radio series for the second time in three years. The last episode featuring the chinless wonder of Amcharacter has become a luxury I can no longer afford and I have no intention of recasting.

Nigel will simply be unheard." Mr Carrington is one of four actors in The Archers who conment to the flighty Lizzy
Archer was called off. tracted bepatitis at Broadcasting House, London, in May 1987 after eating infected food at a radio award presentation.

told of the character's demise He received compensation of several days after recording what will be his last words in In a letter to the actor, Miss Ruth Patterson, editor of The Archers, said: "I am afraid

and he was reintroduced. Miss Patterson said yesterday: "Elizabeth and Nigel's marriage was not to be. As a result, Nigel has dropped into the background. The character has not been killed off. He will be referred to on and off but he has joined the ranks of the unheard of Ambridge.

once he was no longer inter-acting with Klizabeth. I wanted other people to inter-act with her instead.

"He was a tremendously fun character and he has served a and go. If the cast res

shortage at CAA is hitting airlines

examinations to become commercial airline pilots, it was claimed yesterday.

The authority employs only 16 examiners throughout Britain. The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators said yesterday that pilots who have completed their training are having to wait four months before they are tested for their Commercial Pilots Licence and instrument ratings. The delay is causing airlines big problems as they are trying to make up for a shortage of

The guild, whose members include more than 1,300 airline pilots, has demanded that military and civilian instruc-tors should be allowed to conduct the examinations to case the delays.

"Many schools have slowed down the rate at which they train pilots as a result of the shortage of examiners," Mr Fred Stringer, the master of the guild, said. "Most of those training to become civil pilots have to pay for their own training and this can cost up to £60,000. It is, therefore, completely unacceptable if these individuals are unable to be tested by the CAA for their licence or instrument rating.

Authority (CAA) examiners is more examiners, we believe preventing more than 200 new they are severely constrained pilots from taking their by the salary they can offer."

The authority has recently announced a 50 per cent increase in the cost of the final examination, from £195 to £300, in spite of the delays. The guild said this was "totally unacceptable".

"We find the authority to be most inefficient and the charges made for their services to be excessive," Mr Stringer said. "Urgent action is re-quired to improve the eff-iciency of the CAA as a whole and the licensing department in particular. It could be that

Many schools have slowed down rate of training

with the limited finances available to the authority improvements can be only minimal. If this is the case, then we suggest that the time has come to consider the privatization of the CAA."

The authority said last night that it was planning to recruit an extra six examiners to cope with the sudden demand.

"We are doing everything we can to cut back on the delays," a spokesman said. "Part of the problem is that many candidates are put in for "The reason for these delays is given as a shortage of and we now have a failure rate examiners and although the of over 50 per cent. We have

now." Mr Rickard said. Farm-

A shortage of Civil Aviation authority is trying to recruit written to all the flying schools pointing out that it is in everyone's interest if only those who are ready for the final examination are entered.

"We also believe that, at least at the beginning of their career, pilots are subjected to the very stringent tests of a full CAA examiner."

The authority handled 4,000 tests last year and it expects to deal with more than 5.000 this year.

 The designer of a "unique" prototype aircraft destroyed by arsonists won £236,345 mages in the High Court yesterday against the owner of the hangar in which it was

The versatile LDA-500 Boxer, designed to fly cheaply and safely in the Third World, was developed by Mr David Lockspeiser, a former RAF

He hoped the project would attract business ventures, but the aircraft was destroyed with nine others when intruders used aviation fuel to set fire to the hangar at Old Sarum Airfield, Salisbury, Wiltshire in January 1987.

Mr Lockspeiser sued the hangar owner, Brooklands Aircraft Company, claiming it had agreed to insure the Boxer while it worked on it for him. Brooklands had denied any

Judge Hammerton, QC, gave Brooklands leave to appeal against the award.

Pilots say examiner Divers stumble on wreck's porcelain treasure





By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

Members of an amateur Sus-

sex-based diving team may have made their fortune by stambling on a 101-year-old shipwreck in the Solent. The Dake of Buccleuch, a four-masted iron steamer. sank on February 6, 1889.

after colliding with a sailing ship two miles off Littlehampton on its way from Antwerp to Calcutta. All 48 hands were lost, but according to the findings of the five-man team, the vessel's cargo of hand-painted Belgian

porcelain survived. A number of pieces in the A number of pieces in the hold of the vessel, which is lying on the sea bed at a depth of 58 metres, are being seat for

"We came across it by chance, coming back from another wreck site. We put a the way back and it picked up what looked like a wreck," Mr Bob Gibsen, a team member.

The discovery of the ship, which was owned by British Ducal Lines, throws new light on the controversy surrounding its sinking. According to records queting survivors of the other vessel, the Vandalia. it was holed after ramming the

ship is darkness.
However, Mr Gibson said
the state of the wreck, which is resting on its keel, did not support the story. If it hit the ship head on, you could expect some damage to the front. There was none to be seen and all you could see was a massiv great break in the side.
"So we have a feeling that

the sailing ship came along and hit the Duke, sending it straight to the bottom," Mr Gibson said. He said further dives could be risky because of dangerous tidal flows.

Gummer will face hostile farmers

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

Angry farmers are expected to give Mr John Gummer, Minper cent fall in 1988. ister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, a rough ride when he defends government policy at the annual meeting of the National Farmers' Union (NFU) in London today.

Mr Gummer, who will able" rate of 9 per cent a year.
speak after Sir Simon Mr Sean Rickard, the
Gourlay, president of the
union, has delivered his "state that while the level of investof the industry" address, has agreed to spend almost an hour answering questions from the floor, which are likely to reflect a widespread belief among farmers that they are getting a raw deal.

The annual Government review of agriculture, published last week, showed farming income rose by 8 per cent in real terms last year and a further recovery was likely this year. resources need to be available

ers are particularly aggrieved what they regard as Mr In a letter to 200 MPs, Sir Gummer's failure to fight Simon claimed that in spite of strongly enough in Brussels the improvement in income, for a devaluation of the green the underlying decline in the industry's profitability was pound, the over-valued exchange rate used in EC agricontinuing at an "unsustaincultural trade.

It is estimated that a full devaluation of the green pound now, to bring it in line with its market value, would ment in farming had held steady or risen slightly in most push up British farmgate prices by about 8 per cent and European Community mem-ber countries, it had fallen by give farmers a 40 per cent rise in income over a full year. Mr Gummer's problem is 45 per cent in Britain since the

"We are in the critical runpound would also raise conup to the completion of the sumer food prices by about 1.2 single market in 1992, and if per cent at a time when the we are to be able to compete Government is seeking to bring inflation down. It is also once all the barriers come down, investment plans and

windfall gain for British farmers. We argue that it is just a catching-up process. We would simply get the price rises we would have received gradually as the pound weakened against other currencies if the green exchange rate had not existed.

Agriculture has been buffeted over the past year by scares over salmonella in eggs and poultry, listeria in dairy products, and alleged misuse of pesticides. Beef and dairy farmers were also hit by lead that devaluation of the green contamination of imported

In addition, there is concern about the possibility of compulsory restraints on use of chemical fertiliser as one of resisted by other EC member various measures that may have to be taken to reduce

Medals recall heroine of resistance

The best French resistance group of medals likely to come on the market is be offered at Christie's in London.

The medals, including the George Medal, the Legion d'honneur and the Croix de Guerre, were awarded to Mme Berthe Fraser (1894-1956), the heroine who successfully smuggled through German lines the British secret agent Wing-Commander Forest Frederick Edward Yeo-Thomas (1901-1964), or "The White Rabbit", thereby "saving London from being blitzed off the map", as Mr James Hammond, Christie's expert,

have never had a really important resistance group be-fore, we have no idea what it will sell for," Mr Hammond up between Arras and the

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

said. He has opted for a conservative figure of £6,000.

In 1943, the White Rabbit was involved in "Operation Marie Claire", carrying a suitcase full of crucial documents about the new German secret weapon, the Vergeitungs-waffen, or V1 and V2 rockets, to his masters in Whitehall.

Having successfully made contact with Mme Fraser, his guide, by asking for an out-Setting an estimate has sized brassière in her shop in proved difficult. "Because we her home town of Arras, the two of them then heard to appointed pick-up point. Undeterred, the ingenious

Mme Fraser organized a mock funeral, complete with under-

takers, hearse and coffin. Yeo-Thomas's documents, known as the Parsifal Mail, were concealed in the coffin while the White Rabbit hid beside it under the flowers. After a tense moment when the cortège was questioned by a German patrol, the procession

his precious parcel. Mme Fraser, was later captured, tortured and sentenced to death, but refused to betray her fellows and was saved by the Allies in 1944, However, her health had been damaged, and she died in 1956.

was allowed to pass, and the agent continued home with

The group is the highlight in

to be offered on March 20. With 1990 the 50th anniversary of both the George Medal and the Blitz, he hopes it is the right time to sell.

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Dog lovers still in the mood for canine delights after the end of the Crufts Dog Show last Sunday, hastened to Bonhams for its annual auction of dog art yesterday. Two Red Setter fanciers battled it out for a solemn portrait of a dog "Strelley Performer" by the English 19th/20th century artist Henry Crowther, until the hammer came down at £6,000 (estimate £600 to

An anonymous buyer paid £420 (within estimate) for an upholstered, cushioned and tasselled dog kennel based on a collection of 34 George one made for Queen Marie-

Mobile communication systems

British operators 'face losing out'

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

British companies operating in the field of mobile communications may lose out to foreign suppliers through intense competitiveness and lack of co-operation, according to researchers at the University of Manchester. Experts at the university's

Institute of Science and Technology claim that the public is rightly confused by the plethora of mobile communication services on offer - car telephones, paging systems and telephones that people can carry around. The confusion may result in people ignoring the new technologies altogether, the experts say.

in a report compiled for the institute's school of management, Cromtec, Professor Dale Littler and Miss Fiona Leverick say that, unless ac-tion is taken, the only beneficiaries of the intense competition will be global suppliers, mainly the Japanese. They have singled out telepoint" or CT2 as symp-

tomatic. Launched last year, telepoint involves the use of cordless handsets that enable people to dial anywhere in the world. However, customers cannot receive incoming calls.

censed by the Government to all four consortia have been operate the system: Phonepoint, mainly a British Telecom venture; Zonephone, principally owned by Ferranti; Mercury Callpoint, a joint venture between Mercury, Motorola and Shaye; and BYPS, a consortium of Barclays Bank, Phillips and Shell. As yet, only two, Zonephone ficially launched services.

Leverick claim that the development of the four services has been a shambles. Telepoint requires the set-

unable to set up base stations the report notes.

Professor Littler and Miss

ting up of base stations in convenient areas such as railway stations, high streets and assured that telepoint systems airports. "What is clear is that will still support the obsoles-

as quickly as they would have liked. Without a significant number of these, telepoint phones are as good as useless," The researchers also denounce the way each of the

consortia has established differing technologies, making all four systems incompatible. It has been agreed that

telepoint companies must resolve this divergence by 1990. Yet, the report says, "none of the consortia can provide a satisfactory explanation of how this will be done, although customers are reassured that telepoint systems

Ultrasonic surgical aid

British engineers at the Surgical Technology Group based at Andover, Hampshire, have designed a low-cost ultrasonic probe which, it is claimed, may make life-saving surgery such as liver cancer operations more widely available (Our Technology Correspondent writes). The device, code-named the Selector, costs less than £20,000 whereas rival, mainly American-built machines, cost between £40,000 and £100,000.

Using sound waves of 24 or 35 kilohertz, ultrasound has been recognized for some time as a superior technique for certain types of surgery. It has the capacity to destroy rogue tissues such as cancer or the substance cholesterol, that can build up in heart valves, without damaging nerves or blood vessels.

The report states: "There is a strong case for collaboration between the four operators. Unless this occurs, all four will find themselves losing out to alternative products.

Unfortunately, although this may seem the sensible solution, the Government will not permit it in the interests of competition."

The researchers accuse the Government of striving to open up the mobile communications market too fast.

Almost as soon as they had licensed telepoint, the Department of Trade and Industry, announced the licensing of Personal Communication Network (PCN) operators whose wares are expected no later than 1993. PCNs are being billed as a cheap, reliable, two-way personal communications system.

The report also accuses operators of "diving into the field" without any consideration for what the public

Instead of taking a risk that they may be left with out-moded technology, the researchers say, "it is far more likely that the customer will

Losing their hearts to tune of £70m

Britons are in the course of candlelit dinners at home or in more expensive romantic the managing director of the spending over £70 million just to show they love each other. It no longer costs little to deliver that simple message: "I love

To get the point across this year, more than £15 million is being expended on some 16 million valentine cards at an average cost of 95p each. Another £1.04 million is

spent on postage stamps to send six million of the cards by Then there is the £50 million lavished on presentation boxes of chocolates. Add

smaller amounts for further gifts of jewellery, perfumes and toiletries and for the proaches £1.50 for every ma woman and child in the biggest buyers, but almost

According to the Greeting Card and Calendar Association, the biggest spenders on valentine cards are men, for whom this is the biggest cardbuying time of the year. It is still women, though, who buy most of the cards - 56 per cent of the total.

Mr Stuart King of the association, says that traditional romance always sells best. In spite of some rise in demand for humorous and vulgar cards, bearts and flow-

Mr King sald: "My own company, Carlton Cards, and likely to post their cards, the industry as a whole, expect a continued trend towards the post. Mr Bill Cockburn,

restaurants, and the total apcards, especially favoured by men in the higher income The 16 to 30 age group are

> a quarter of cards are sold to the over-45s. The number of cards sold increased from 13 million cards in 1987 to 15 million in 1988 and 15.2 million in 1989.

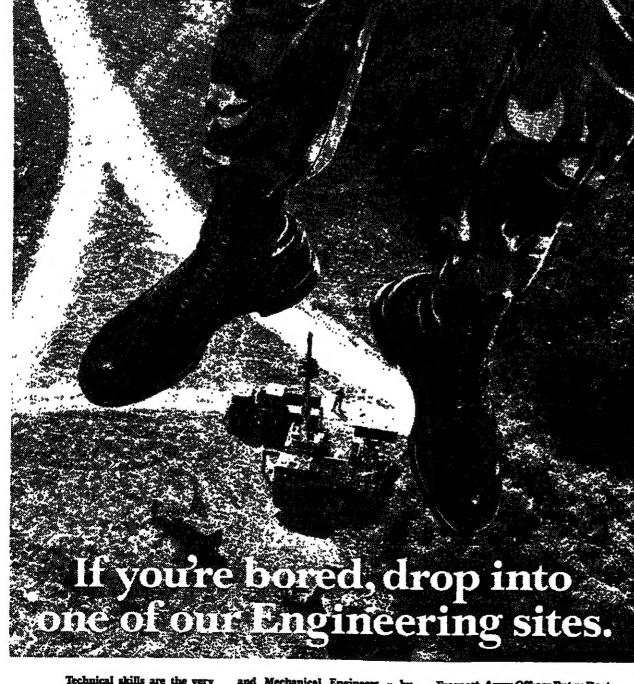
The publishers are confident it will rise again. "The older people get the more the likelihood that they

sign their valentines," Mr King said. "They tend to be less bashful." According to the Royal Mail, though, it is those who live in the north who are most

Royal Mail, says that more valentine cards per head are posted in the north of England than in any other area, but that the traffic is growing everywhere by about 7 per cent a

The Royal Mail is to encourage that trend this year with its new first class greeting stamps, featuring such love-sick motifs as the man in the moon, a clown, a teddy hear, the Queen of Hearts, and comedian Stan Laurel.

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Valentine's Day - named, it is said, for a saint who fell in love with his executioner's blind daughter — is exceeded only by that of amorous Americans. The cards and chocolates they buy are calculated to cost £446

Britain is to join eight other European countries in ban-ning the toxic chemicals PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), The decision will be made at December. the Third North Sea Conference, which takes place at The Hague in three weeks time.

Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment, will agree to call in and likely to be high on the destroy all remaining British stocks of the chemicals. Thousands of tonnes are still in use as coolants in electrical equipment, in spite of a ban on their manufacture since the 1970s.

However, if Mr Patten is to counter Britain's reputation as the dirty man of Europe, he will have to act decisively over the dumping, in the North Sea, of sewage sludge and ind-ustrial waste, which all other countries taking part in the conference have phased out.

Britain permits water companies to dump nine million tonnes of sewage sludge contaminated with chemical effluent into the North Sea every year. Industry is allowed to dump more than three million tonnes of waste, even ment over dates. Norway,

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By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

Today, Mr Patten is to meet the conference host, Mrs Johanna Maij-Weggen, the Dutch Transport Minister, and Britain's dumping is

The conference, which takes place on March 7 and 8, is expected to touch on the epidemic of distemper virus that wiped out 70 per cent of the North Sea's common seals in 1988, even though a direct virus has not been established.

PCBs, which accumulate in the fatty tissues of marine mammals such as seals and dolphins, impairing fertility and damaging the immune system, will be phased out in all the countries taking part in the conference: Britain, France, Belgium, West Ger-many, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and The Netherlands.

There is, however, disagree-

say it is impracticable before 2005, although Britain's pos-ition is not thought to be rigid.

The measure is also likely to provoke controversy as it may involve the destruction of the remaining stocks of PCBs by

This approach, supported by Britain in preference to long-term storage, may prove unpopular with people who live near the industrial incinerators, like that operated in link between pollution and the South Wales by the waste managment company Rechem. Some environmentalists 31, 1989, and the lack of a claim that burning PCBs pro-

> Britain will support two other initiatives to protect the North Sea at the conference. One will be a memorandum of understanding about the protection of dolphins and porpoises - a Swedish initia-

duces dangerous by-products.

tive that puts wildlife on the North Sea Conference agenda for the first time. The other will be a Norwe-

North Sea Conference in London in 1987 to stop dumping by the end of last December.

PCBs to be phased out by oil-based lubricants used in 1995, but West Germany, drilling oil and gas wells. As a Belgium, The Netherlands and Switzerland are pressing for 2000. Britain and France for 2000. Britain and France of tonice of toxic mud that fall to the septed. to the scabed.

> However, it is Britain's continued use of the North Sea as a dump for sewage sludge and industrial waste that will present the biggest challenge to Mr Patten, who committed himself last November to dispelling Britain's image as the dirty man of Europe. He would nail the lie, he said, "not by words, but by

> Britain's failure to meet the deadline for the ending of waste dumping on December clear target date - reflected in the recent application for three dumping licences to be extended into 1990 - has aroused resentment in other

The British position has long been that there is no proof that the dumping has caused any damage to the marine environment. Other countries have preferred "the though Britain signed an Denmark and Sweden want gian proposal to ban certain not taking the risk.

Conservation leaders praise award scheme

Two of the world's most celebrated environmentalists spoke yesterday of the value of the £5,000 Environment Award, run jointly by The Times and BBC Radio Four's PM programme, after its launch for 1990 (Our Environment Correspondent writes).

Sir Crispin Tickell, the British Ambassador to the United Nations, who is thought to have played a key part in Mrs Thatcher's conversion to environmental concern, joined with Dr Richard Leakey, the director of the Kenya Wildlife THE TIMES **BBC RADIO 4** PM ENVIRONMENT AWARD

Service who is leading the fight against ivory poachers, in praising the award for focusing on the activities of environmental issues are glo-bal in scope, they also affect every individual," Sir Crispin, one of the award

"I welcome a competition which brings home to ordinary people the problems of the environment and the responsibilities which we all carry." Dr Leakey, who is to

present the award on May 9 at Broadcasting House, said: "It is ordinary people that have the future of the environment

ordinary people. "Although body else. From my own perspective of things like elephants, unless ordinary people become involved, there won't be elephants in the future."

Written nominations for the

award of up to 250 words, typewritten if possible, should be sent to The Times/PM Environment Award, PO Box 486, 1 Pennington Street, London, El 9XN, to arrive by last post on Friday, March 9. Photographs, which are nonreturnable, will help. A day-time telephone number for more in their hands than any people nominated is essential.



Humphrey, the latest feline member of the Downing Street staff, being introduced outside the Cabinet Office yesterday by Mr Kevin Lapwood, a civil servant. The black and white tom was taken to have volunteered his services to the Cabinet Office when be walked in off the street. He was named by staff after Sir

office of Mr Lapwood, an accommodation officer. Humphrey's main duty is to help keep down the mice population in the Downiz Street complex. He joins an illustrious list of cats who have served the nation, the most famous being the late Wilberforce, a mouse catcher at 10 Downing Street for 14 years.

'a threat to largest bat colony'

Two conservation groups are at loggerheads over plans for the development of the oncederelict Basingstoke canal, which the Nature Conservancy Council fears could force Britain's largest bat colony out of house and home.

The Greywell Tunnel, at Greywell, Hampshire, was blocked by a clay slip in 1932 and is used for winter hibernation by 2,000 bats. They are protected under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act from being disturbed, cap-tured or killed, with a £2,000 fine for each animal affected.

The NCC says that the Surrey and Hampshire Canal Preservation Society's planned re-opening of the tunnel would cause inhospitable draughts, and has told the county council that giving consent for renovation would amount to an eviction order for the bats.

The NCC also believes that increased recreational use of the canal between Greywell and West Byfleet has reduced rare plants such as the water violet and the lesser bladderwort to the point of extinction over the past two years. It plans to notify 25 miles out of the 32-mile stretch as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Mr Andy Byfield, of the NCC, said the area had been recognized as being of botanical importance for over 40 years. "There is a critical level beyond which boating is no longer compatible with wildlife preservation."

The dispute could end in the High Court if discussions between the NCC and the society over a compromise "zoned use" plan fail, and the society invokes its right of access to the tunnel under the 200-year-old Basingstoke

Three boys burnt in explosion

Police are waiting to interview three teenagers who suffered serious burns when there was an explosion in their car. Neil coleman, aged 17, of Great Cheverell, Ross Whiteside, aged 18, of Market Lavington, and Ian Walters, aged 15, of Odstock, all Wiltshire, were sitting on Salisbury Plain

when the explosion happened. Police believe a prank may have gone wrong. They think the boys sprayed an aerosol in the car and then lit a cigarette when the car was full of inflammable gases.

Arrest order

A warrant for the arrest of a Finnish captain who was alleg-edly drunk when his ship smashed on to rocks was issued at Truro Crown Court. Kalervo Puskala, aged 44, did not turn up to face a charge of failing to protect people on his ship from death or serious injury because he was drunk.

Citizens' radio

A scheme to help handicapped people increase their social life through Citizens' Band radio has been launched in Somerset. The Rural Development Commission paid half the £2,800 needed for 15 sets.

Exotic catch

Devon and Cornwall fishermen are netting giant Asian prawns which have swum from French fish farms and established colonies across the

Hiker death

Police are investigating the death of a hiker, aged about 40, whose body was discovered in woodland at Wark Forest, Northumberland, up to a year after he died.

Cocaine find

Police are trying to discover how £100,000 of cocaine was washed up on a beach at Borth, Dyfed.

National Curriculum policy

Plea to get classics back on timetable

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Classicists called on the Gov- which has already claimed the planned relaxation of the Nat-

and Science, has said that pupils would be allowed to opt out of examination courses in some of the 10 National last two years at school.

The Co-ordinating Committee for the Classics, which represents school and univer-sity classicists, said the change in curriculum rules should be extended to allow Latin and Greek to be taught again.

Dr Peter Jones, senior lec-turer in Classics at Newcastle University, urged Mr Mac-Gregor to follow the lead schools may teach.

study any foreign language, in-cluding Latin and Greek, as their compulsory foreign language under their version of the National Curriculum.

tion was not suggesting that Latin and Greek should sup-plant French and German as the main foreign langauges learned by pupils."No one will make Latin their first and only language. But it would put Latin and Greek back within

working party on modern language teaching is due to report before Easter and the classicists hope it will endorse the teaching of Latin as an aid to learning modern languages.

Teachers were urged yesterday to become involved in efforts to combat a growing schools deal with the problem teenage craze of spray-painting graffiti on trains and buses

retary of State for Education Curriculum subjects in their

given by the Scottish Office, which has relaxed rules on the languages which secondary

Scottish children can now

Dr Jones said his organiza-

the school curriculum." The National Curriculum

ernment yesterday to use its lives of two children. The Assistant Masters and ional Curriculum to allow Mistresses Association said Latin and Greek back on to teachers were increasingly the state school timetable. concerned about the risks run Mr John MacGregor, Secby thousands of children

indulging in "tagging". Writing in the association's journal, Mr Paul Blum, head of careers at the Cardinal Vaughan School, Kensington, west London, said that "tag-ging" had replaced scribbling on school desks and walls as the favourite form of vandal-

ism for many pupils. Teenagers regularly played truant to join gangs spraying their initials and other sym-

education spokesman, yes-terday accused Conservative-controlled Bradford City Con-

ncil of presiding over the worst repaired schools in Britain.

During a visit to the city he said: "Physical conditions in Bradford schools have changed little since my mother taught here during the last

bols, often on to moving trains and vehicles, using paint stolen in shoplifting raids.

Teachers who suspected that their pupils were involved in organized "tagging" should warn them and their parents of the dangers.

London Regional Transport said two youngsters had died because of "tagging" and three more through "surfing" — riding outside moving trains. British Rail said: "We have taken a stiff line in punishing

offenders." The Department of Edu-cation and Science said the Government was making £2.3 million available to help

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WWF has bought part of the international debt of developing countries to help reduce the devastation of tropical forests



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British sales treble to 12,000

By Christopher Warman, Property Corresponder

French property boom

12,000 last year, according to estate agents, who predict that they could reach up to 100,000

north, particularly in Nor-mandy, the Pas de Calais and in Brittany and the Loire valley, are overtaking the steady interest in central and southern France, the agents said. Property sales to British buyers, which numbered about 2,000 in 1987, could top

To cope with and encourage must be a bargain, even with the demand, dozens of firms the demand, dozens of firms 20,000 this year. have sprung up in the past year or so to act as agents, legal consultants and searchers.

Sales of French properties to said: "Most of the interest at old and crambling properties British buyers trebled to the moment is in Normandy and repairing them. There is and the north of France, and a lot of people are going over to look at properties."

She said many had largely Increasing sales in the Increasing for a chitean, most were aiming to pay less than \$40,000 for a property in readly, interest in central and readly interest in central and the Increase in the Increase in Increasing Sales in the Sale Sam many man largery arrived. While some were aiming for a chitean, most were aiming to pay less than \$40,000 for a property in readly interest. hoped to pick up something for about £20,000 and restore it.

"We have on our books an old windmill, without its sails, in a field, for £8,000. That

Miss Wheatcroft rejected ear or so to act as describers. reports of local hostility alcousultants and searchers. reports of local hostility Miss Louise Wheatcroft, of against the British invasion.

The French are happy to see

the isolated case which has led to reports of hostility, such as the Mayor of Honfleur, who takes the view that if the British buy they should come to live there," she said. "If they only want to sper

property, denying it to anyonelse, he does not want them. Miss Wheatcroft said that contrary to what some other agencies had implied, prices had not rocketed throughout Normandy in the past year. "It is still possible to find beautiful period properties in all price ranges, including the most popular price bracket of £10,000-£40,000 in the Orne,

Suisse Normande, Perche, Calvados and Manche regions Umtata, Transkei

 After his release from prison, Mr Nelson Mandela is losing no time in moving to Soweto, the hub of black political life in South Africa.

Before long, however, it is safe to predict that his thoughts will wander back to his beloved childhood home, Qunu, in Transkei.

Throughout his years in jail, Mr Mandela kept up his payment of rates on a residential and garden plot in Qunu and wrote of his desire "to spend my last

Moreover, Transkei - for all that it is a nominally independent black homeland - could well have a decisive weight in settling South Africa political future. for it is the great heartland of the African

Not only the Mandelas but many of the other leading ANC families, such as the Sisulus, Tambos and Mbekis, come from here and Transkei's nearly four million Xhosa people will provide the ANC with its most solid and reliable base of support.

Already Transkei is in a fever of ANC rallies and meetings as people await a return which will be as tumultuous and

Meanwhile, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, the military ruler of Transkei since a coup in 1987, has emerged as one of the most intriguing new actors on the South African political scene. The general has already made it clear that he sees himself playing a role in negotiations on South Africa's future - talks at which he could be a wild card of some

Political speculation about General Holomisa has grown ever since he allowed the funeral of Chief Daliniebo last year to become a virtual ANC rally and lifted banning orders on all political movements, including the ANC.

However, General Holomisa, a relaxed and engaging man, has had, he says, no direct contact with Mr Mandels, has no particular bias towards the ANC and no wish at all for a political career.

"Politics is a dirty game - means taking money from businessmen and doing favours for them. Once we have cleaned up the mess in Transkei, I will go back to soldiering. There are lots of courses I want to do, some in Britain for example. Failing that, I would like to run the Department of Sport." For the

heartrending as anything Soweto can general is a keen tennis, football, rugby offer Mr Mandela. and cricket player.

> He took power on an anti-corruption ticket and his huge popularity derives from the energetic spirit in which he is carrying out his task. The placemen imposed as chiefs under the regime of the Matanzima brothers have been booted out, and, to enormous popular satisfaction, the old traditional chiefs reappointed

George Matanzima, the former Prime Minister, sentenced to jail for wholesale corruption, is now collaborating happily with an anti-corruption inquiry in return for a remission of sentence.

The general has also rooted out civil service corruption and paid for a large increase in civil service salaries by liberalizing Transkei's property and investment regime.

The fruit of this wholehearted embrace of free enterprise has been a large inflow of white investment, producing a building boom in Umtata. The result is that Umtata after the dark, oppressive years of the Matanzima's now enjoys a cheerful and liberal atmosphere.

One of the few people with whom the general is not popular is Transkei's former President, Mr Kaiser Matanzima, who, together with his Transkei Independence Party, rails against the general and all his works.

"I see him in the street," says the general, "and say 'Hi', but he is just insulting to me, even though I pay him his salary as Paramount Chief at the end of each month. I must say, he's pushing his luck at times too far.'

Asked whether the former President might find himself in jail or his salary stopped, the general replies, shocked: Good heavens, no."

He seems really to be that great African rarity, a genuine liberal.

Spurred by reports that General Holimisa was about to lift Transkei's ban on the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress, President de Klerk flew to Umtata on January 11. "He tried to treat us," the general says, "like naughty little

Mr de Klerk, he says, strongly advised him against holding a referendum on whether Transkei should be re-integrated into South Africa, and also warned against pushing ahead too fast with his liberalization programme.

The South African President's aim, General Holimisa believes, was to "mentally destabilize us", for Mr de hints from Pretoria of financial pressure against Transkei.

The general was, therefore, amazed when Mr de Klerk himself went even further with his reforms on February 2, "Either he wanted to stop us being first with these measures, so as to have a greater media impact and avoid seeming to follow us," says General Holomisa,
"or else an awful lot changed between
January 11 and February 2. I think a lot of things changed."

Emboldened by this turn of events, the general now allows completely free political activity within Transkei and is pressing ahead with his referendums.

He says he has no interest in joining any party himself and that he is just as protective of the PAC's rights as of the

"Mr Makwetn, the president of the Pan Africanist movement, now lives here and he is just as welcome as Mr Mandela," he insists.

Thus far, intense political competition is proceeding peacefully, but there is no doubt that the ANC is far ahead of PAC. The ANC is holding meetings in even the smallest country towns. Everywhere one sees groups of excited youths marching

Klerk's visit was followed up by heavy and dancing along roads. There is evidence of Communist Party activity

Popular sentiment is overwhelminely in favour of Transkei re-joining South Africa General Holomisa shares this

view but is cautious about forecasting a refernedum result. "The Transkei has many faces", he

However, he does feel strongly that the homelands question has to be settled before negotiations get under way. "After all, we have to know which homeland peoples are going to vote for a constituent assembly" he points out.

In fact, all the homeland leaders, says President Lucas Mangope of Bophuthatswana, have announced they want reintegration, but Mr Mangope wants to secede from South Africa and ioin Botswana.

But most of the other homelands are ruled in autocratic style, so General Holomisa's presumption of democratic referendums everywhere is likely to create embarrassment in some quarters.

The general may be no politician but one can see why he is popular and why his open, irreverent spirit would leaven any negotiation process.

Thatcher aims to bolster De Klerk against backlash

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Government is prepared to him and his constituency, to lift non-binding sanctions of continuing down the road against South Africa progres- of peace and dialogue. sively as part of efforts to bolster the position of Presi- Prime Minister of being isodent de Klerk and prevent a lated at the United Nations white backlash sweeping him and in the Commonwealth,

act unilaterally in removing a about being in a minority of number of the voluntary sanctions in response to steady progress being made in South Africa and to demonstrate the West's support for President de Klerk's initiative.

The Prime Minister and her senior colleagues are anxious that the South African President be given support and encouragement particularly as he comes under pressure from his own white community.

As Whitehall made clear lift some voluntary sanctions sponded favourably.
Mr William Waldegrave,

Minister of State at the Forto negotiate, the British Government would be blamed when the white backlash sweeps De Klerk away".

He said he spoke with urgency because President de Klerk was under most pressure from his own constit- ing an unconditional invitauency and a signal should be tion to him to visit Britain.

With Labour accusing the sources made clear that she Mrs Thatcher is willing to did not "give two hoots" one as long as she was right.

The Government will drop a ban on new investment in South Africa even without the agreement of the European Community and Commonwealth. Britain has already dropped another - the discouragement of cultural, aca-

demic and scientific contacts. Whitehall said last night that, as steady progress was made in South Africa, restrictions would be eased. Mrs last night that the Prime Thatcher is determined to Minister would not hesitate to fulfil her promise that Britzin would support President de unilaterally, a Foreign Office Klerk if he embarked on minister and senior Tory reform. The Prime Minister backbenchers warned of the was said not to be suprised at Gareth Evans, the Foreign danger of a white backlash Mr Mandela's support for Minister, said: "The point against the South African sanctions and the armed strug-Crovernment unless the inter- gle because they were central national community responded favourably. points of the ANC's prosponded favourably.

was a member. But she was said to believe eign Office, surprised MPs by that armed struggle was irrelesaying that if nothing was vant when there was an offer done to support those wishing of negotiations and she therefore hoped there would be no more talk of the armed

Despite Mr Mandela's support for the armed struggle, Whitehall made clear that the Prime Minister would be issusent to him about the benefits.

BRUSSELS: Opposition rights".

hardened yesterday against the Government's desire to soften EC sanctions on Pretoria (Peter Guilford writes). Statements came almost simultaneously from the African National Congress, the Organization of African Unity and the European Commission calling for sanctions to remain firmly in place until

apartheid is abolished.

Senor Manuel Marin, the EC's Development Commissioner, pronounced himself "completely in favour of maintaining sanctions". These are a ban on trading in iron and steel and krugerrands, a freeze on military and scientific co-operation and voluntary curbs on fresh

• SYDNEY: The Australian Government has said Mr Mandela's release is not a cue to ease economic sanctions (Robert Cockburn writes). In Canberra yesterday, Senator about sanctions policy is to secure the abolition of apartheid. When that process is well and truly under way, then

● HARARE: President Mugabe of Zimbabwe criticized Mrs Thatcher yesterday for her "too hasty embrace" of President de Klerk (Jan Raath writes). "We remain sparing of our praise (for Mr de Klerk) because the issue that the people of South Africa have been fighting for was the creation of a political order which denies no one his

Mandela holds the future | Markets jittery



Mr Nelson Mandela cradling Bambata, his youngest grandchild, in his arms while waiting to board the flight from Cape Town taking him and his family back to Soweto yesterday.

on commitment to state control

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Exchange yesterday as they weighed up Mr Nelson Mandela's call for intensified international economic pressure on the South African Government and his commitment to nationalize key sectors such as mines and banks under a black-dominated Government. Gold and platinum stocks took the brunt of the selling wave, which was worsened by a weaker gold bullion price in Europe.

However, a broker said foreign investors had been buying South African stocks for some time. "They have now topped up and at the moment are a bit wary about the future," he added.

Although the initial stockmarket reaction is likely to representation nearly double prove largely artificial, with in last September's general foreign investors flocking back election. when prices are right, longer-term economic prospects for European Community meet in Dublin next week and

2, lifting bans on the African new investment as a reaction National Congress, the South to the reforms announced by African Communist Party and Mr de Klerk. other outlawed organizations bolstered the country's foreign exchange reserves by a billion rands (£238 million) within a week. But Dr Chris Stals. Governor of the Reserve Bank, has cautioned that that was mainly "hot money" from speculative investors expecting an appreciation in the exchange rate.

Since 1985, when President Botha abandoned apartheid panies to sell or make their reforms with his "Rubicon" speech, South Africa has been starved of foreign capital. The ever, began some time before

Foreign investors began sell-ing on the Johannesburg Stock national basis, of black riot-Trustbank, one of South Africa's biggest commercial lost 40 billion rands in the past five years, in lost loans, direct investment, and trade sanctions aimed mainly at exports of coal, iron and steel, and

> jobs. Most of the country's vast army of unemployed is black, but many blue-collar whites have also suffered, with mortgage rates spiralling to 21 per cent and inflation running at more than 15 per cent:

More serious has been the

loss of an estimated 500,000

The far-right Conservative Party, capitalizing on all this, saw its parliamentary

3 % 200 (200

Gossip

President de Klerk's Britain is expected to urge announcement, on February lifting the voluntary ban on

Britain remains the largest investor in South Africa, despite public pressure on companies operating there.

The largest withdrawal has been by American firms about half of those operating there in 1984 are not now. Many of them - including General Motors, Ford, IBM and Coca-Cola - have hcensed South African comproducts, a tactic seen by anti-South African lobbies as a cynical exercise to ensure that

Apathy marks white response

From Nicholas Beeston, Johannesburg

have seen it all before. Black rule in post-colonial Africa has not worked and South Africa, the last bastion of white authority, is no

exception.

"I packed my bags in Rhodesia when it became independent and I've never been back," said a Norwegian expatriate returning to his refrigeration business in Cape Town as South African history was being made with the re-lease of Mr Nelson Mandela. The response was hardly

surprising from someone who has spent 49 years working

Cape Town (Reuter) - The can civil rights leader, met President de Klerk of South Africa yesterday, after comparing him to President Lincoln. He praised Mr de Klerk for freeing Mr Nelson Mandela from prison and legalizing the African National Congress. Mr Jackson declared that "this was a courageous step for President de Klerk".

across the continent and has sought final refuge in South Africa.

The most familiar refrain among whites who say they are pessimistic for the country's future is the argument that black majority rule will slide South Africa inexorably into bloody tribal feuding.

They just can't get on with taxi-driver, before embarking

The old Africa hands say they attitude to his trade. Among young whites, student activists have for years been at the forefront in the call for change, but some of their less politically aware contemporaries appear just as apa-thetic as their counterparts the world over.

A talk-show host on a local

radio station fielding calls from white South African suburban housewives yesterday must have been surprised by the response to his phone-in on the Mandela about the future of the country, he was overwhelmed by callers complaining that the live television coverage of Mr. Mandela's release was patchy and that for long periods

abysmal music programme. There was no mention of his speech, reaffirming the ANC's policy of armed struggle only the suggestion from callers that they had wasted their

Even supporters at a neo-Nazi rally on Saturday afternoon, vowing violent revenge against President de Klerk for his act of treason against the Afrikaner nation, became hopelessly sidetracked from their main message by bouts of anti-Semitism and outdated conspiracy theories about the communist takeover of the Christian world,

The startling revelation about the snatches of popular reaction is that by and large white South Africans appear each other," confided a white to accept the inevitability of black rule and, publicly, have on a tirade against Johannes- offered no cohesive resistance burg's municipal transport to the changes which are about

The prisoners left behind amid the euphoria

apartheid movement's rallying cry of "Release Nelson Mandela" has paid off, but civil rights lawyers say that 14 prisoners remain in South African jails, serving life sentences for what they regard as political

They estimate that up to 3,300 other political prisoners may be behind bars in comparative obinally self-governing homelands.

When President de Klerk unbanned the African National Congress and other dissident groups on February 2, he promised to free all political prisoners jailed merely because they belonged to prohibited

Civil rights lawyers say that there are 77 such prisoners. But many more were convicted

for murder, arson and terrorism which some see as politically motivated. These prisoners were excluded from the President's amnesty, although government min-isters have said that their release could be negotiated.

"The problem is that Mandela has became so big that all other ANC personalities shrank in comparison," one leading activist said. He did not want to be identified,

saying that other activists would perceive him as being "anti-Mandela". Mr Mandela and the ANC have pledged themselves to fight for the release of all political prisoners: "I reiterate our call for ... the freeing of

all, and not only some, political

prisoners," Mr Mandela said in his

first public speech in Cape Town on

Sunday. One of the 14 serving life

imprisonment for offences that sent prisoner is freed." Others who have Mr Mandela to jail is Anthony Xaba, aged 56. He has spent 25 years

A member of the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), he was convicted of terrorism and conspiracy to overthrow white rule by violence and sentenced to life in jail.

"Why not Viva Xaba, Viva Xaba, and only Viva Mandela, Viva Mandela?" a member of Xaba's family asked.

Mr Dali Mpofu, spokesman for the Release Mandela Campaign, said that the group had used Mr Mandela's name for its symbolic value because the ANC veteran and Umkhonto we Sizwe co-founder was known internationally. He said: "The campaign itself will continue until the very last political

served between 15 and 25 years of life terms are Elphas Mdlalose, aged 65, Msomi Miyiwa, also 65, and Vusumuzi Nene and David Moise, both over 50.

Mdlalose, a member of the ANC and its trade-union wing, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, was detained in 1963 and sentenced to 10 years. He was released in 1974 but 18 months later rearrested and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Miyiwa and Nene, fellow ANC members, have been in jail for 22 years and 15 years respectively.

In 1982 Joseph Nduli, Petrus Mashigo, Johnson Lubisi, Naphtali Manana and Johannes Shabangu were sentenced to life for offences including public violence, arson and murder.Sanna Twala, Linda Hlo-

Ngoungwana were jailed for life in 1987 for similar offences, one of them entailing a "necklace" killing. In these killings, a petrol-filled tyre is placed around the neck of the victim and set alight.

Mr Kobie Coetsee, the Justice Minister, said last March that about 374 people were serving sentences for offences against state security.

The anti-apartheid Human Rights Commission said that Mr Coetsee's figure did not include about 3.300 political prisoners in the "home-lands" - impoverished black ministates covering 13 per cent of the country and created by Pretoria under apartheid.

The commission said it was impossible to give exact figures of detainees because the homelands were so fragmented.

Racist vandals' paint protest



Mr Tony Chandler, a workman, removing paint yesterday from the bronze bust of Mr Nelson Mandela in London. After the day that the best-known prisoner in the world gained his freedom, racist vandals struck overnight with white paint at the South Bank complex. | should be forgotten ... it was youth, and he wished to assure he had won our admiration.

Press charmed by

conferences, this being reobjectivity, but they did on this occasion. A spontaneous and prolonged burst of handclapping greeted Mr Mandela as he took his place at a long table covered with microphones in the shade of a baobab tree, and his pleasure

was evident At ease in his unfamiliar surroundings (his ornate, hand-carved chair was a 17thcentury masterpiece), he promptly apologized for having had to cancel a press conference on Sunday night, and paid tribute to the media, both local and international, for remembering him in his iong ordeal.

"Throughout these difficult vears in prison, the press have been a brick to us. I think it was originally the intention of

We are therefore indebted to fear from the black majority. you," he said.

Confronted by a forest of television cameras, he never flinched beneath a barrage of political and personal ques-tions, responding to each in measured and eloquent terms.

Occasionally he greeted a questioner whom he had never met, but whose name was familiar from endless reading of newspapers during his confinement, with a hearty hello. "You're in good shape, I thought you would be bigger and fatter," he told a local journalist.

He had been overwhelmed by the "breathtaking" enthu-siasm of his reception, and astonished to see so many whites among the masses of blacks celebrating his release. South Africa was totally difthe Government that we ferent from the country of his

the press who never forgot us. whites they had nothing to

Asked whether there was any bitterness in him, he said:
"It is not a nice feeling for a man to see his family struggling without security, without the dignity of the head of the family around, but despite the hard times we had in prison there have been men who do everything to try and make you as nappy as possible. That has wiped out any bitterness which a man could have."

Turning aside from politics, Mr Mandela said he longed to visit his birthplace in Transkei to see the little stones on which I played as a child, the little rivers where I swam".

The humanity and lyricism of the man, who might easily have emerged a bitter and spiteful victim of injustice, impressed his most sceptical

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Mr Ariel "Arik" Sharon, who, as a brilliant general, crossed the Suez Canal in the 1973
Middle Foot War to see the state of the state o the Suez Canal in the 1973
Middle East War to earn the title "the Israeli Patton", took the biggest gamble of his political Career yesterday by resigning from the Israeli co-

This move was an attempt to prevent Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, from embarking on the "national disaster" of peace talks with the Palestinians. His dramatic move was seen as an attempt for future power if the Mr Sharon seeking a mandate service in the to end the intifada by severe independence.

Mr Sharon, aged 61, opened stunned delegates by an-a highly charged session of the nouncing he had sent a letter Likud party central com-mittee, of which he is chair-He declared: "Vital national man, by accusing the Shamir Government of "allowing Palestinian terror to run wild" and of taking Israel down a diplomatic path which could lead, in the West Bank and Gaza, only to a Palestinian state intent on the destruction

of its Jewish neighbour. Mr Sharon, a larger-thanlife figure, with a passionate following on the Israeli right wing, said he was resigning his post as Trade and Industry Minister but would keep his position as Likud party chairman and his post as an MP. This would leave him free to

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fight for what I believe in". Mr Sharon's bombshell is designed to put pressure on Mr Shamir, aged 74 - who has headed the uneasy coalition between Likud and Labour since December 1988 - to risk Washington's anger and reject a US-sponsored plan for the first Israeli-Palestinian talks, to be held in Cairo.

Shamir's own proposal for elections in the occupied territories, leading to limited Arab self-rule to defuse the intifada. self-rule to defuse the intifada.

But Mr Sharon said the form part of the proposed ralks would be the thin edge of Palestinian negotiating team. a wedge leading to a state of Palestine under the domina-tion of the "terrorist Palestine

Liberation Organization"... Mr Shamir has ruled out talks with the PLO, and, like Mr Sharon, is opposed to Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza, which

man of imposing bulk, with an outspoken manner which some say verges on the demagogic, had made increasingly sharp personal attacks on Mr Shamir and on those loyal to him, such as Mr Moshe Arens, the Foreign Minister, whom Government collapses, with he accused of evading military Mr Sharon seeking a mandate service in the 1948 war of

> Yesterday, Mr Sharon principles are at stake. Under our very noses, Palestinian terror is allowed to run wild in the land of Israel, causing heavy loss of innocent life, both Jewish and Arab."

Mr Sharon, who has the support of several senior Likud ministers, including Mr David Levy, the Deputy Prime Minister, is a fierce critic of Israel's failure to suppress the intifada, now in its third year.

He used the attack by Arab extremists on Israeli tourists in Egypt just over a week ago, in which 10 people lost their lives, to declare that all Palestinians were terrorists, including those who professed

"I have come to the conclusion that I am no longer able to remain in the Government and wait until it falls," Mr Sharon said.

He charged that Mr Shamir be held in Cairo.

The talks would discuss Mr
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had already made concessions had already made concessions.

Before the conference ended in disarray, Mr Shamir agreed with the right that east Jerusalem Arabs should not be part of any Palestinian delegation, but he made no mention of deportees.

He said that he would respond to Mr Sharon's de-Israel. But Mr Shamir has letter of resignation.

from New York to Florida.

"The impending split is shaking the dynamic, mag-

netic and highly publicized Trump empire to its founda-tions," confided Miss Liz

Smith, the doyenne of gossip writers who published the ex-

Yesterday, however, Mr

Trump's men hit back at

former Czechoslovak Olym-

pic skier and one of the most glamorous blondes on the American celebrity scene, was entitled to more than her

agreement that the couple re-

negotiated three times during

their 12 years of marriage.

The agreement gives Mrs
Trump, aged 41, about \$25
million (£15 million) plus the

couple's Connecticut estate.

That leaves everything else, including the world's biggest motor yacht and an airline, to

Mr Trump, who is 43. He also

plans to keep charge of the

Though Mrs Trump had worked full-time for her hus-

band, as chief decorator, ca-sino director in Atlantic City

and, most recently, manager

planted by sources close to Ivana, most likely her attorneys, because of the gross inaccuracies."

Mr Trump built his empire in the 1980s and used it to learned his creed of flambour.

launch his creed of flamboy-

ant ostentation, an approach that soon earned him a reput-ation as the biggest ego in America and "the man with

It was well known, for example, that Mrs Trump's "salary" consisted of \$1 - plus all the dresses she wanted. Litigation is considered likely because of Mr Trump's taste for legal battles. The 10 legal firms that serve his companies are nearly con-

stantly at work suing adversaries on behalf of the man who

says: "I love to have enemies.

I fight my enemies. I like

the Midas fist".

clusive report.

Gossip columnist comes up Trumps

From Charles Bremner, New York

Barely had Mr John Gotti, collection of skyscrapers, ho-Mafia superstar, been acquit-ted and accorded his weekend of media glory than New York's tabloids and chatshows switched into overdrive for another of those psychodramas the city so loves - the matrimonial parting of the ways of Donald and Ivana Trump, otherwise known as

the "Divorce of the Century". Nudged by a gossip col-umnist's exclusive report, Mr Donald Trump, the billionaire developer who most personified the unabashed excesses of Manhattan in the 1980s, announced yesterday that he is leaving his glamorous wife and business collaborator.

As he flew back from Japan, staff began moving his belongings from the couple's vast marble and onyx-laden penthouse atop Trump Tower, the Fifth Avenue skyscraper that

is unequalled for glitz.

Mr Trump, who prides himself as the greatest "deal-maker", installed the flat as an exercise in one-upmanship against Mr Adnan Khashoggi, the Saudi financier who had installed a veritable palace in his Olympic Tower five blocks

down the road.

War of the Trump\$",
shrieked the beadlines as lawpartner, said a spokesman.

She was just a figurehead in
Atlantic City ... The Liz
Smith article was clearly yers were wheeled out on television to speculate over the legal ramifications should the couple fight over the finances of the Trump company, which includes the Plaza Hotel and a *Dynasty*-sized



Mrs Tramp: \$1 "salary" and beating my enemies to the all the dresses she wanted.

Indian right protests at alleged Pakistani role in Kashmir violence

Bhutto silent as flee army options run out

From Christopher Thomas, Muzaffarabad

Kashmiris in Pakistan raised a din of anti-Indian protest in their small, run-down "cap-not be interested in backing a ital" of Muzaffarabad yesterday — marching, chanting and waving black flags as they pledged another suicidal viol-ation of the Kashmir ceasefire

Their protest over the kill-ing of up to 11 young men by on Sunday was in marked contrast to the silence observed by the Pakistan Government.

The low-key official re-sponse in Islamabad was highly significant, since it showed the extent of the Government's determination to avoid raising the confrontation with India to a war pitch. The Foreign Office said only that the Indian High Commissioner had been in-

shock" at the killing of unarmed civilians. It was the second serious encounter across the Kashmiri line of control in a week. Even so. Pakistan has failed completely to stir international interest in the conflict and has therefore decided against tak-

formed of Pakistan's "deep

Nations Security Council. A stick-wielding member of the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party shouting anti-Islamabad . If it did, the Soviet Union slogans in Delhi yesterday, outside the Pakistan High Commission, over the Kashmir issue. has made it clear that it would

ing its case to the United

UN move, as Kashmiri separatists are demanding a slice of Chinese territory that supposedly belonged to ancient

To complete this unpromising international sce-nario, other Islamic countries said they did not want to be associated with a separatist cause backed so fervently by Iran, which paints the Kash-mir affair in terms of a global Islamic reawakening.

Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, is without any influential political options. Opposition parties accuse her of being soft on India - one of the most damning indictments that can be levelled at a Pakistani leader.

The press in both Pakistan and India has fallen into a frenzy of jingoism and mis-reporting. Day after day, Indian newspapers and wire services are referring to the infiltration of "hard-core Paktrained subversives" into the

There is not a shred of firm evidence to support allega-tions of officially sanctioned training camps for guerrillas

abuses

Washington (AFP) - US officials say more than 100,000 Liberians have fled to neighbouring West African countries in recent weeks to escape an army crackdown against a Libyan-backed rebellion.

The behaviour of the Army has been very disturbing, said Mr Andrew Natsios, director of the US office of Foreign Disaster Assistance

Cabinet losses

Athens - The three parties supporting the Greek Government of Professor Xenophon Zolotas, the Prime Minister, have pulled their ministers out of his Cabinet.

Reporter held

Kampala (Renter) — The Ugandan Government has de-tained a third journalist al-leged to have insulted Pres-ident Kaunda of Zambia at a

Court denial

Kota Kinabalu (Reuter) - Mr Jeffrey Kitingan, brother of the Chief Minister of Sabah, the only Christian-controlled Malaysian state, pleaded not guilty to corruption charges.

Bomb damage Lisbon (Reuter) - A bomb set off by Angolan Unitz rebels

cut the water pipeline to

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UK demands guarantee on Poland's boundaries

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor, and Ian Murray, Bonn

Four Powers and the two

some future point seek clearly political unity cannot reunification with former Gerbe far behind. man territory which was transferred to Poland at the end of the Second World War.

Poland and the Soviet Union have always feared that the Oder-Neisse line, which became East Germany's eastern border as part of the post-war settlement, would be challenged if the two Germanies achieved unity.

The first real reunification negotiations begin in Bonn today when Herr Hans Modrow, the interim East German Prime Minister, arrives for two days of talks which will concentrate on speedy ways of introducing the Deutschmark as the common currency of both the

Herr Modrow, who can expect to remain in power only until the East German election on March 18, comes cap in hand to Bonn. Just more than two months ago he took over the Government of at economy in the alternative Germany and say- agree that unity was some-

Britain is pressing, as part of ing that he believed a purged

an agreement on German communist party would have reunification between the an important say in its future. Now he is struggling to

Germanies, for a guarantee stave off state bankruptcy by that Poland's borders will not surrendering sovereignty over his country's currency, in The aim is to ensure that a effect handing over the counreunited Germany will not at try itself to the Bundesbank; Herr Modrow has already

accepted that reunification will go ahead on terms dic-tated by Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor. This means he is not insisting on neutrality as the price of unity. Without the authority of being an elected leader, and without any financial basis to bargain with, he has virtually no negotiating authority.

Just how serious the East German economic situation is remains questionable. With money markets estimating that the national "takeover bid" will prove expensive, the Deutschmark yesterday weakened against most important world currencies. It was down a pfennig against the dollar to DM 1.67 and down from DM 2.82 to DM 2.84 against

West German sources are largely responsible for creating the gloomy economic picture. A very senior official last week a country he believed had the said bankruptcy was only days away, which undoubtedly socialist bloc, speaking firmly helped persuade President of creating a strong socialist Gorbachov at the weekend to

between themselves.

Yesterday's round-table discussions in East Berlin instructed Herr Modrow not to agree to anything on monetary union which would not benefit the East German population. But the West German Government is not ready to have terms dictated to it and is confident that Herr Modrow will basically have to do as he

The British view that guarantees are required against future German territorial claims emerged yesterday when Mrs Thatcher held talks at Downing Street with Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Polish Prime Minister.

She said afterwards that they had discussed German reunification and the need for it to be carried out in a way which would preserve security and stability in Europe. She added: "In particular, the frontiers of Poland must be guaranteed by treaty."

Her demand cuts across the West German position, which is that, while Bonn makes no claim to the German part of Poland, the question cannot be settled until after reunification is achieved.

 MOSCOW: The Kremlin has described as one-sided the interpretation placed on the weekend meeting between Mr Gorbachov and Herr Kohl (Mary Dejevsky writes). Mr Gennadi Gerasimov, the For-

thing for the Germans to agree eign Ministry spokesman, said yesterday that, while Mr Gorbachov had indeed said that German reunification was a matter for the Germans to decide, he had also emphasized that reunification should be within the framework of the Helsinki process and with due account for the security interests of all sides, including the Soviet Union and the Germanies' neighbours.

> Mr Gerasimov's statement suggested a degree of unhappiness in the Soviet leadership with the widely held view that Moscow had removed all obstacles to German reunification. It also implied criticism of Herr Kohl for announcing so soon after his meeting that Mr Gorbachov had acquiesced in the desire of Germans for unity and indicated that Mr Gorbachov's policy may not yet have the full approval of the Soviet

> Soviet and West German accounts of the Kohl-Gorbachov meeting have consis-tently differed in sequence. with Moscow placing the European and security aspects first, and West German versions stressing the respon-sibility of Germans for the fate of Germany.

> There has, however, been no disagreement on the words used by Mr Gorbachov, which amount to carte blanche for



Leading article, page 13 Mrs Thatcher welcoming Mr Mazowiecki, Poland's Prime Minister, to No 10 yesterday.

East Germans want to block Kohl rush to currency union

From Michael Binyon, Brussels, and Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

Thirteen groups represented at the East German round-table talks urged Herr Hans Modrow, the Prime Minister, yesterday, not to accept currency union proposals put by West Germany when he meets Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, in Bonn today.

The development emerged as Herr Theo Waigel, the West German Finance Minister, was assuring his European Community counterparts in Brussels that Bonn's offer of immediate currency union would not lessen its commitment to full European economic and monetary union in the

The East German round-table members want a more gradual

rise in inflation and unemployment which, they say, can only exacerbate instability in the country after the March 18 election.

With pressure growing on East Berlin to agree to Herr Kohl's suggestion of immediate negotiations on currency union, many East Germans fear that their savings will be at risk and that the reform will cause many redundancies as businesses find themselves unable to compete with their Western rivals.

centre-right Democracy Now group, attacked the rumours spread by government circles in Bonn last week that East Germany was on the

The rumour, which was denied by the East German Government, has caused a sudden chill in the spurt to their own economic an opening to the world for private

climate of relations with West Germany. The Government spokesman said that East Berlin had complained formally to Bonn

There was also a spate of attacks on Herr Kohl, who appeared rather too triumphant on his return from talks with President Gorbachov even for those East German politicians who usually sympathize with him. Herr Konrad Weiss, also of Democracy Now, said that Herr Kohl was increasingly acting in the interests of his own party by Herr Wolfgang Ullmann, of the speeding up unification plans by

> In Brussels Herr Waigel insisted that the offer of currency union investment in East Germany by all

growth. However, he admitted that currency union, with the Bundesbank taking charge of the East German monetary supply, would inevitably lead to a rise in unemployment in East Germany, the closure of factories and a need for complete reform of the social security system there.

He said something had to be done immediately because of the dramatic collapse of political and economic authority in East Germany, the growing stream of migrants from the East and the need to offer a "clear sign of hope" to East Germans. Bonn, he said, will insist on the introduction of a market economy, and irreversible commitment by East Germany to the legalization of private property,

investment capital. Other EC ministers, reflecting the general bemusement that has greeted the Bonn offer, expressed cautious support, but emphasized that nothing must be done to destabilize the Community structures.

With a hint of impatience at those countries insisting on gradual reunification, with extensive international consultations, Herr Waigel said that the situation was getting out of control. Mr Arnold Reynolds, the Irish Finance Minister, who was presid-

ing over the meeting, said EC ministers were ready at any time for a special discussion of the issue, and suggested calling an emergency

M Jacques Delors, the Commission's President, said the German

Community's own structure and rules; what effect would it have on the European Monetary System and especially the exchange rate mechanism; and who would foot He said the EC was ready to pay

part of the cost.

Herr Waigel said the currency plan was a great challenge for the German economy, but the risks were calculable, as the East German economic output was only one-tenth of West Germany's. The offer was based on the Federal Republic's insistence on holding fast to a stable monetary policy. "The Deutschmark will also restability for the European monetary system," he told

Cellist defends 'Gulag' writer

Moscow (AP) — Mstislav Rostropovich, aged 62, the world-renowned cellist and conductor who now lives in the United States, said after his return to the Soviet Union after a 16-year absence yesterday that the Government should drop treason charges against Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, the exiled author, and apologize to him.

"It is ridiculous that a charge (of high treason) like this continues to loom over him," Rostropovich told a press conference a day after he returned to his homeland for concerts in Moscow and Leningrad.

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Rostropovich and his wife, Galina Vishnevskaya, the singer who was part of the Bolshoi Theatre opera company for 30 years, were stripped of their citizenship in 1978, four years after they were hounded into leaving the Soviet Union for giving refuge to Solzhenitsyn.

In January their citizenship was restored by the Supreme Soviet and the edict which stripped them of all honours and medals was nullified.

Rostropovich, asked about the possible return of Solzhenitsyn, said the dissident writer hoped to come back to the Soviet Union, but not until censorship of his work was completely lifted.

"I think that Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn will come back, but the Soviet Union must apologize for the absurd charge of high treason."

He added that failure to repeal the charge, which carries the death penalty, ran counter to everything happening in the Soviet Union today. Several prominent Soviet cultural figures who lost their citizenship under past regimes bave had it restored and have subsequently returned to the Soviet Union amid the cultural thaw that prevails under President Gorbachov.

Solzhenitsyn, author of The Gulag Archipelago, which de-picted the horrors of Stalin's prison camps, was formally charged with high treason in 1974, stripped of his citizenship and expelled from the country. Rostropovich and his wife followed him into exile a few months later.

Soviet officials have said that Solzhenitsyn's citizenship could be restored - but only if he formally requests it.

They said that they had not yet received any request from the author, who lives in the US state of Vermont.

Hard times put pressure on Swedish socialism

The Swedish Social Demo- push through the measures, cratic Government faces a mounting crisis that could result in its being voted out of office later this week.

Paradoxically, this comes at a time when the newly liberated countries of Eastern Europe are flocking here to learn how the country rec-onciles socialist ideals with a free-market economy.

decided by parliamentary vote tomorrow, the day Mr Alexander Dubcek, hero of the "Prague Spring", arrives to study Sweden's version of socialism with a human

The crisis has come about over the Social Democrats' drastic package of deflationary measures, including a twoyear freeze on wages, prices, rents and dividends, with the right to strike banned.

Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the Prime Minister, yesterday des-perately sought allies among

most severe in Sweden's postwar history. The Greens initially said they were prepared to support him in return for other measures aimed at protecting the environment.

However, their various leaders have since said that they would be unable to agree to the ban on strikes. Mr Carlsson's main chance

The socialists' fate will be of saving his Government

6 The best hope Carlsson has is for an alliance with Communists 9

rests with the Communists, traditional allies of the Social Democrats, though they too say they cannot support the

The dilemma for the Com-

is that if Mr The non-socialists, who are s Government falls, loosely aligned and given to Carlsson's Government falls, provoking a new election, this would most probably result in a non-socialist coalition government, with a conservative

According to a recent public opinion poll, conducted by the influential Sifo research institute, the Social Democrats would attract only 34 per cent of the vote. Even the support of the Communists (6.9 per cent) and the Greens (6 per cent) would not then be enough to give them a majority over Sweden's three nonsocialist parties, whom Sifo showed as likely to poll 48.7

per cent. The conservatives, with 25.5 per cent, would be likely to poil more than the two other non-socialist parties, Centre (10.1 per cent) and the Liberals (13.1 per cent), enabling them to demand the premiership for Mr Carl Bildt, their young leader, who wants radical economic changes.

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

squabbling amongst themselves, have maintained a united front against Mr Carlsson's package, though in the past the agrarian-based Centre Party has allied itself with the Social Democrats.

It would be unwise to take the present crisis too seriously. Given Sweden's long tradition for political consensus, such things have a habit of resolving themselves at the last minute and such is likely to be the case this week.

Mr Carlsson appeared to be pinning most of his hopes on the Communists, claimed by the Social Democratic evening newspaper Aftonbladet yesterday to be willing to drop the strike ban in return for their support for his other

None the less, in the usually uneventful duck pond of Swedish political life, this is by far the worst crisis he has faced since coming to power following the assassination of this rash of labour unrest and

re-election two years later. It comes with the country still crippled by a conflict over a wage claim that has closed down its banks and with public-sector workers staging wildcat strikes that have disrupted public transport.

An official strike by 23,000 hospital workers will be called

6 The crisis follows a wage freeze and ban on the right to strike

tomorrow in support of a pay claim, disrupting Sweden's otherwise ultra-efficient national health service.

Mr Carlsson denies he has

his predecessor. Olof says the deflationary package Palme, in 1986 and winning is necessary to cool down an over-heated economy. The present situation dem-

onstrates the flaws in the socalled "Swedish model". This introduced a centralized wagebargaining system guaranteeing industrial peace for most of the post-war period, laying the foundation for its prosperity and welfare state. So long as productivity rose

with wages, the Swedish model served its purpose. Today, in a far harsher economic climate.it seems to be dying, unable to adapt. The principal flaw in its

construction seems to be the reliance on deals between giant union and employer federations. When times were good this worked well.

Now, when there is less money available for pay rises and agreement cannot be reached, such centralization leads only to massive indus-

WORLD ROUNDUP

Perrier investors flood the market

Paris - In nervous reaction to the great Perrier drought in the United States, French investors yesterday flooded the Bourse with orders to sell shares in the highly successful group (Philip Jacobson writes). Despite fresh assurances from Perrier that the problem - contamination of one supply line with tiny quantities of benzene - has been solved and that exports to the US will resume within weeks, the initial rush to get rid of stock led the share price to fall almost 12 per cent.

A Perrier spokesman said yesterday: "The hypothesis of human error being to blame for the presence of benzene in precisely 13 bottles in the US is increasingly likely."

The average French supermarket offers a good choice of waters and any attempt to sell Perrier at the "designer water" prices quoted in the US and Britain would probably see the product laughed off the shelves.

Pilots' damages bill

Sydney (Reuter) - Pilots who brought Australian flights to a virtual standstill during a bitter dispute last year were ordered yesterday to pay \$6.6 million (£2.8 million) in damages to four domestic airlines. The Victorian Supreme Court in Melbourne ordered the Australian Federation of Airline Pilots to pay the damages, including \$2 million in legal costs. Mr Brian McCarthy, the federation president, said the union could not afford to pay even if it sold its six-storey office headquarters in central Melbourne. The dispute started on August 18 last year when the pilots, seeking a 29 per cent pay rise, refused to work outside business hours.

Prince's secret visit

Rome - Prince Victor Emanuel of Savoy, the pretender to the Italian throne, reportedly dined in a fish restaurant near Viareggio last February in open defiance of a law forbidding heirs to the throne from setting foot in Italy (Paul Bompard writes). Although an article of Italy's postwar Constitution bans heirs to the throne from Italian soil, there have been reports of the prince visiting the country under a false identity. If caught, he could be arrested, but the Viareggio restaurant owner said that the prince was pleased rather than disturbed at being recognized.

Perth woman leader

Sydney - Australia's first woman to be elected a state Premier, Dr Carmen Lawrence, aged 41, yesterday replaced Mr Peter Dowding the leader of the troubled West Australian Labor Party (Robert Cockburn writes). Mr. Dowding's departure removes an embarrassing obstacle shortly before Mr Bob Hawke, the Labor Prime Minister of Australia, announces the federal election date - expected to be between March 17 and the end of May.

Ethiopians still in port

Nairobi (Reuter) - Ethiopian government forces retained a toe-hold in the embattled Red Sea port of Masawa on Sunday night, despite claims by Eritrean rebels to have captured the town on Saturday, a UN official said yesterday. But it was clear that the Eritrean People's Liberation Front had crippled government supply lines in the area and halted all famine relief work in Entrea. Masawa was the last remaining gateway for supplies to government-held areas.

High-flyers test Ottawa air



Mr Douglas Hard, left, the Foreign Secretary, and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his West German opposite number, going over the issues to be raised at the international "open skies" conference in Ottawa yesterday, among them surveillance flights over Nato territory.

Hungarian rights fight From Philip Jacobson, Timisoara

The hated red star of communism may have sentative governments. I really hope so, for the been scissored out of every Romanian flag flying today, but at the tidy little Cemetery of the Heroes on the outskirts of the city which first rose against Ceausescu, it still occupies a place of honour.

Several dozen men of the Red Army are buried here, each beneath a granite headstone bearing the distinctive emblem and recording that these Necunoscuti - Unknown Soldiers had died during the Soviet liberation of Romania that began in 1944.

By a quirk of fate, the 10 bodies that were never identified or claimed after last December's massacre of demonstrators in Timisoara lie nearby under a mound of faded flowers.

Wandering round the cemetery, I was approached by a nattily dressed elderly man, eager to practise his English. He was almost 80, a retired lawyer who was born and bred in Timisoara. He had seen Romania move from a monarchy that had forfeited popular support

with its playboy habits to a full-scale

Communist takeover, with interludes of

severely flawed democracy and a fascist

dictatorship. And now, he noted, "we hear

from journalists like you that Romanians are

standing on the threshold of truly repre-

sake of my grandchildren at least. But you must allow someone with my background his own doubts". Like many professional people in Ti-

misoara, he was an ethnic Hungarian and proud of it. About two million people of Hungarian origin lived in the west of Romania, he told me, mostly in Transylvania, and they had suffered grievously during Ceausescu's drive to crush this Magyar cultural inheritance by destroying hundreds of their villages and deporting the populations to grim "resettlement centres" far away.

The stubborn resistance to this process by the Hungarian community in towns such as Timisoara, where links to the outside world were well established, had naturally enraged the dictator.

In his view, there are already signs that renewed attempts to assert what the ethnic Hungarians regard as basic democratic rights - children taught in their own language, reestablishment of a Hungarian university, separate radio and television programmes in Hungarian - are by no means welcomed by the National Salvation Front. As the lawyer observed with a sigh: "It is never easy to be a Hungarian in Romania."

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End all violence, minister begs S Africa groups

The steps taken by President de Klerk had created a completely new climate in South Africa, Mr Wil- that it made sense to stop liam Waldegrave, Min-ister of State for Foreign discouraging investment and tourism in South Africa (Conand Commonwealth Affairs, said in a Commons statement on the release of Mr Nelson Mandela. "We warmly welcome the release of Mr Mandela", he said to cheers.

He called on all parties in South Africa to end violence and to enter into negotiations. He gave a warning of a white backlash if recent more were not recognized by the outside

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Mr Waldegrave said that Mr Mandela was the symbol of the aspirations of millions of South Africans for a non-racial and democratic South Africa. Mr de Klerk had transformed policy in South Africa since he became

He had initiated a series of steps, including a commitment to abolish much of the so-called petty apartheid, the "unban-ning" of political organizations and now the release of Mr Mandela.

All of those steps had been demanded by the British Gov-erument, the international community and this House. Taken together, they had a created a completely new climate in South Africa.

It was a climate in which dialogue could begin about the huge task of dismantling apartheid completely. It was a challenge for those black and whites who wished to maintain the old orthodoxy of confrontation.

It was vital to send a signal to the white community that President de Klerk's steps would find a response from the inter-national community. That was spent 27 years and more of his national community. That was spent 2? years and more of his why the Government believed life fighting apartheid?

The price of electricity to the smaller

consumer should not rise by much more than the present rate of inflation this year and price controls

should prevent any further real increases before the end of March 1993. Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy, said that when he announced arrangements for pri-

He hoped that the public electricity

supply companies could offer some price reductions to customers during

He said that the average price for

all customers supplied by the public electricity supply companies would be controlled by a "Retail Price Index - X + Y" formula, where Y

represented the costs to the firms of

In reply to questions later, he said that X equalled all the costs incurred

by area boards other than the costs of the electricity itself, which they had to buy from the generators.

All the expectation on prices allowed for the effect of the fossil-fuel

buying the electricity supplied.

vatizing the electricity industry.

the period up to March 1993.

MANDELA

servative cheers and Labour

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, said that Labour welcomed Mr Mandela's release and other recent steps by President de Klerk. "We trust that successful negotiations will soon begin to bring about a South Africa with a vote for every man and woman on a every man and woman on a common role.

"Although Mr Mandela is no longer in prison, he is not a free man. He cannot live where he chooses, he has no vote. For him and for the rest of the non-white and for the rest of the non-winter majority in South Africa, the whole of South Africa continues to be a prison—and will be until apartheid and the police state are completely dismantled."

At the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Kuala Lumpur in October, Mrs Mar-garet Thatcher had signed a statement which allirmed "that the justification for sanctions against South Africa was to abolish apartheid by bringing Petoria to the negotiating table and keeping it there until that change was irreversibly sechange cured".

Since that objective had clearly not been achieved, how could the Prime Minister call for relaxation of sanctions, particularly of the ban on direct

Since Mr Mandela called for sanctions to be maintained, whom should be trusted - a

levy which he intended to set for 1990-91 at 10.6 per cent on the value of final sales. He expected that the rate of the levy would decline

significantly over the next eight years.

The levy was not only to ensure that the output from existing and contracted committed nuclear plant in England and Wales was contracted

for, but to encourage the development of commercial renewable energy sources. About 300 projects had been put forward to area boards

A further two months were being

allowed to area boards to complete their negotiations with renewable

their negotiations with renewable operators. The licences being published today would provide for orderly transition to a competitive market by allowing other suppliers to compete with area supply companies: at the outset, for large customers taking more than one megawatt; after

four years, for customers taking more than 100 kilowatts, and, after eight

He knew that those in the industry

in response to that policy.

choice and that is why the Prime Minister is isolated in the United Nations, isolated in the Commonwealth and in the EC.

"No thanks to her, but all thanks and praise to Mr Mandela and the millions of other Africans fighting for jus-tice, apartheid is damned and apatheid will be destroyed."

Mr Waldegrave said that the sanctions that were introduced by the EC, some of which would continue, had been explicitly aimed at bringing national di-alogue. Mr Mandela had said that he believed that such dialogue was about to begin. "If we do not recognize the

courage of the steps that have been taken and, I hope, will be taken by the other side, we would not be doing the right Was Labour policy to intens-ify sanctions? If so, Labour was

as usual out of step. Sir David Steel, Liberal Sir David Steel, Liberal Democrat spokesman on for-cign affairs, said that the best way to secure British invest-ment in South Africa was by paying more attention to the ANC and other political move-ments striving for democracy. While Mr de Klerk was to be congratulated, South Africa could not be treated as a normal

state until legal entrenchment of apartheid were lifted. Mr Waldegrave: We must recognize, as in relation to the Soviet Union and the PLO, that those who wish to sit down and negotiate need our support and if we do not provide any support at all, he (Sir David) will surely blame us when the the white backlash sweeps Mr de Klerk

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen North, Lab), chairman of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, said that apartheid remained in place and until it was removed sanc-tions must stay. Instead of

ENERGY POLICY

were keen to be privatized to respond

to the new challenges and to rid themselves of the dead hand of the

Mr Frank Dobson, Opposition spokesman on energy, said that price increases were needed only to fatten up the industry for privatization.

In the past three years coal prices

had dropped by 6 per cent, electricity prices had risen by 12 per cent, and generators' profits had gone up by 9 per cent. The new coal contract envisaged further cuts in the price of coal, so why was it necessary to have any price increases for consumers?

any price increases for consumers?

Did the licences put an obligation

to supply on the two main generating companies? If not, how could there be any security of supply?

The interests of domestic and industrial consumers, the balance of

payments and the environment were all being put second to the require-

support of President de Klerk,

there should be support for the people of South Africa. Mr Waldegrave said the people of South Africa, black and white, needed Britain's support. "There have been hands reaching out for reconcili-

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) said that Mr Mandela's support for contin-uing the armed struggle was a "chilling reminder" that violence was still being used by the ANC. The lifting of sanctions would ensure the prosperity of South Africa, giving hope of peace and change.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, L) said that the police were out of control. Many appeared to have sympathy with

the right who wanted to assas-sinate Mr Mandela. Mr Waldegrave said that it

was right to make protests, again and again, about the behaviour of the security forces.

Ms Diane Abbett (Hackney
North and Stoke Newington,
Lab) said that Mrs Thatcher was

She was exposed, like fifth columnists elsewhere, as redun-

heath, C) asked that Britain's response be co-ordinated with her European partners, the Commonwealth and the United States, which had taken a strong line on sanctions.

Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexley-

to help bring down the system seen by the international community as unjust. Mr Waldegrave agreed that the objective of the House and the world was the destruction of

The Council of Ministers, when EC sanctions were passed in 1986, had reaffirmed the "urgent need for a genuine national dialogue". Britain be-lieved, as Mr Mandela clearly did, that the dialogue was about

Authors to get a '29% pay rise'

There is to be a 29 per cent increase in 1991-92 in govern-ment funding of the public lending right by which authors are paid for the borrowing of their books from public libraries.

Mr Richard Luce, Minthe increase during ques-tion time, said that funding in 1990-91 would be £3.5 million and about 15,500 authors would receive payment in February 1991.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said that Salman Rushdie would benefit. Did Mr Luce agree with the saying: I may not agree with his words, but I will defend to the death his right to

Mr Luce: A cardinal principle of our democracy is

Manchester trains plea

The Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority was failing to de-liver adequate services and should get extra funds, Mr Andrew Bennett (Denton and Reddish, Lab) said at question time. During the past 12 months there had been a succession of late and cancelled trains, "There ought to be a refund and a cutting of fares, not an in-

Mr Michael Portillo, Minister for Public Transport said that he had a great deal of sympathy with the de-lays. It was not for him to attribute blame, but the "sprinter" trains should be delivered in early spring and the summer and should improve services.

motivated more to preserve the economic interests of its business friends here than the interests of the South Africans. **Ivory sales**

assurance

The Government was satfor the sale of the remain-ing 474 tonnes of ivory in Hong Kong were suffici-ently tight to ensure that no illegally acquired ivory would get on to the market, Lord Reay, Government spokesman, told peers during question time.

He said that vigorous controls were in force. Apart from the ban on the international commercial trade, every trader had to register stocks above a kilo and had to possess a licence for that stock. They also had to re-ceive a lience to export registered.

Promotion ior women

A prediction that many more women would reach senior levels of the Civil Service in the next decade was given by Mr Richard Lace, Minister for the Civil Service, at question time. He told MPs that, although there were 265,000 women in the service at present — constituting 45 per cent of the staff only 6 per cent in the top grades were female.

"Looking ahead to the longer term and into the 1990s, I am quite sure that a lot more women will come to the top."

Australia Bill

Mr Alf Morris's Public Records Act 1958 (Amendment) Bill, which would allow the permanent loan or gift to Australia of the eighteenth-century document that established it as a nation, was presented to the

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques-tions: Employment; Prime Minister. Debate on Government's expenditure plans, Lords (2.30): Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill, committee, third day.

Sanctions were imposed not for the release of one distin-guished leader from prison but ation on both sides and it is to support that process that we have taken the steps we have." widely regarded, in this country and abroad, as apartheid's fifth columnist. She had made a

ment put on Mr Wakeham by the Prime Minister to get the industry sold off as quickly as possible.

Mr Wakeham said that the inten-

tion was to privatize the industry at a

He did not expect that, on average, there would be any price increases in

The cost of nuclear power was paid for by consumers in their bills now. This was simply being brought out

On the obligation to supply and security of supply, the arrangements under the Electricity Act were rather

better than the previous ones which had been too bureaucratic.

a big improvement in energy efficiency, and the proposals would

Mr John Hannam (Exeter, C) said that not long ago Labour was predicting price increases after privatization of more than 20 per cent. It was now grumbling because they might be pegged to the level of

improve the situation.

In the past 10 years there had been

proper and fair price.

real terms at all.

into the open.

headlong rush to drop sanctions before there had been a word from President de Klerk about bringing down the fundamentals of apartheid or a word about one person, one vote.

dant, marginal and out of step. Mr Waldegrave criticized the extravagence of Ms Abbott's language. The Prime Minister was as determined as anyone to

Sir Ian Lloyd (Havant, C) said see the destruction of apartheid

Electricity price 'should not go much above inflation' inflation, something Labour never arty and Skye, Lib Dem) said that all the tough political decisions had been postponed beyond the date of the next election.

said that over the past 12 months, and for some time ahead, every domestic electricity quarterly bill would be at least £10 higher because of preparation for privatization. Sir Trever Skeet (North Bedford-shire, C) said that it was important to bear in mind the future size of the

nuclear industry, and not wait until the review in 1994 when it might be had to be built and required a research and development programme, otherwise it could leave Britain in great difficulty.

Mr Wakeham said that the good leave of management being organized

level of management being organized would mean that nuclear capacity was used to best advantage in the period up to 1994. There was a long-term role for nuclear power. The price increases included the non-fossil fuel obligations, he said

Mr Charles Kennedy (Ross, Crom-

the most sensible way.

In a later reply, Mr Wakeham said that the Government would achieve the EC directive on reducing pollut-ing power station emissions, and would be seen to achieve it, but it would not do it in a way that was not After the statement had been repeated in the House of Lords, Lord Williams of Elvel, Opposition spokesman on energy, said that the Government's declaration that it

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It would be extremely stupid,

in the light of the analysis of sub-Saharan Africa by the recent report of the World Bank, to go along with the line suggested by

The South African economy was the powerhouse of the whole of sub-Saharan Africa.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said that the Government's

position on sanctions had been

Mr Waldegrave said that, not for the first time, Mr Benn had

Mandela to strengthen

covernment's deciaration that it accepted price rises was encouraging inflation psychology. The CEGB had the advantage of price agreements with British Coal, so why was it necessary to have price increases at all? Viscount Ullswater, for the Gov-

ernment, said that prices would rise at only the rate of inflation or thereabouts, but prices were still lower in real terms than five years

Bridge debt now £342m | Labour concern at 'legal aid crisis'

years, for all customers.

The accumulated debt of the Humber Bridge is £342 million, Mr Robert Aikins, Under Sec-pertary of State for Transport, said at question time. The bridge board was preparing a detailed case for government

Mr James Cran (Beverley, C) said that the saga of the bridge had gone on too long. Next year the accumulated debt was prothe accumulated dept was projected to rise to £400 million with interest charges adding £1 a second. As everyone believed that this should be resolved, including the Government, what was the intradiment? was the impediment?

Mr Atkins said that the Government hoped to take a decision in the not-too-distant



Mrs Ruddock: Time for toll policy to be reviewed. tolls was not a success. Where Mrs Joan Reddock, an Opposition spokesman on transport, said that the policy of charging they did not, they forced op-

level that was a grave dis-incentive to local business, as in Humberside and Messeyside. It was time the Government re-viewed its policy on tolls.

Mr Atkins said that the Humber Bridge had been built by Barbara Castle to ensure a by-election victory for Labour in Hull. "Typically, it was not costed properly and never, ever will make money. The taxpayer may therefore have to ray some may therefore have to pay some of the bill."

Mr Peter Snape, an Oppo-sition spokesman on transport, had said earlier that the Midlands was grateful for the multi-million pound cross-Birmingham electrification scheme announced last week.
He understood it had no connection with the pending Mid-Staffordshire by-election.

There was a crisis in the legal aid system, with fewer and fewer people qualifying for help, Mr Keith Vaz (Leicester East, Lab) said when he opened a debate on legal services.

Parliament was giving people rights which they could not afford to enforce, he said.

Mr Vaz criticized the public fending between the police and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). That had been astonish-

been paid to private agency lawyers in the past three years because of the shortage of CPS staff.

LAW SERVICES

provision of legal aid. In the past 10 years, 15 million people had lost the right to qualify. Eight per cent fewer people used the "green form" scheme compared with 1987-88 — the largest and only the second drop in the scheme.

quarrel were criminals.

From birth, the CPS had suffered from gross under-resourcing and under-staffing.

More than £40 million bod been paid in more than £40 million bod been been a steady recommendation to the same period, whereas previously there had been a steady recommendation to the same period, whereas previously there had been a steady recommendation to the same period, whereas previously there had been a steady recommendation to the same period, whereas previously there had been a steady recommendation to the same period, whereas previously there had been a steady recommendation to the same period, whereas previously there had been a steady recommendation to the same period, whereas previously there had been a steady recommendation to the same period to the

per cent. because of the shortage of CPS

"Justice is being cash limited.
I call it justice-capping. Yet
There was a crisis in the never before has there been such

a need for people to be given proper legal advice and assistance."

The duty solicitor scheme was in danger of collapse and he was a different and the court and the proper legal services. Bill he accused the Bar and the month of the court and the court and the proper legal services.

in danger of collapse and he was concerned at the way in which contracting out of legal services was to be operated. "Franchises might be appropriate for McDonald's but I do not believe it is good enough for justice to be treated as a junk food chain."

Justice could be made available quickly to people only if the legal system worked. The Crown Prosecution Service, legal aid system, public solicitors where county counts and man scheme, county courts and mag-istrates' courts were not working efficiently or effectively. Par-liament must ensure that these problems were resolved with a minimum of delay. Mr David Martin (Ports-

Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on legal af-fairs, welcomed recent changes in eligibility for legal aid but said that they did not go far enough. In the past two years a million households and 2.5 million people had ceased to be eligible. That was because the increase in legal aid limits had not kept pace with inflation or earnings.

indiciary of using the public interest as an army might use women and children to defend itself against attack. It was bun-

kum to say that the Lord Chancellor had attacked the independence of the judiciary, or that that amounted to an

Soviet economists

By Nigel Williamson, Political Staff

Soviet economics experts have sought the advice of the Labour Party in their plans to move towards a mixed economy. Mr Christopher Smith, the

Mr Unristopher Smith, the junior Labour Treasury spokesman, who has just returned from a conference between leading Soviet economists and representatives of 10 West European cortalist parties in Mosco pean socialist parties in Mos-cow, told a press conference at Westminster yesterday that the Soviet side had wanted to discuss how to give greater emphasis to free-market activity while retaining a "substantial role for the state in growiting and providing the state in growiting and providing the state in growiting and providing the state in growiting the growiting the state in gr role for the state in providing the basic infrastructure".

Mr Smith said: "They want a sensible balance between public and private, and in this respect they are heading exactly in the mainstream of European democratic-socialist thinking". He said that Soviet economics

experts were anxious to "cull ideas" from democratic socialists rather than from "un-bridled" capitalists in their efforts to implement peres-

of other measures to encourage long-term investment, including special bond issues and regional investment banks. The conference was organized

ne contenence was organized through the Socialist International, and it is hoped that meetings will be arranged between Mr John Smith, shadow Chancellor, and Soviet experts. Mr Christopher Smith said: There was a breathtaking openness to new thinking in the discussions we had. Leading Soviet spokesmen were saying things which would have been unthinkable two years ago.

"They are aware of the enormous problems they face and the acute difficulties, in implementing perestroika. But they are also clear that they do not want the Adam Smith Institute simplicities... that pure market forces will always act in a beneficial way."

Mr Smith said that there was great potential for Western investment in the Soviet econ-Mr Smith said that he and other West European socialists had urged a rethink of the Soviet had urged a rethink of the Soviet to promote joint ventures. would use trading policy | June 1300 Allers | Mr Douglas Hard, who was then Home But two manners | Mr Douglas Hard, who was then Home But two manners |

Waddington's support expected

seek Labour help New death penalty debate likely

The House of Commons is expected to have a further vote on capital punishment in the 1990-91 session, in theory giving MPs the chance of restoring the death penalty for marder.

The Home Office is expected to produce a comprehensive Bill in the antumn, implementing the proposals in the Government's recent White Paper, Crime, Justice and Protecting the Public, and Conservative MPs in favour of the death penalty are planning to move a new clause to the Bill at report stage.

Mr David Waddington, the first Home Secretary for many years to be in favour of the death penalty, is expected to support the move, but he accepts that there is unlikely to be any change in the law as a result.

The death many transfer for many was finally. The death penalty for marder was finally abolished in Britain in 1969 and in five votes in the past nase years attempts at restoration have failed by large majorities on every occesion.

on every occasion.

In April 1987, the Commons rejected a call to bring back the death penalty for "evil" murders by 342 votes to 239, a majority against restoration of 112.

When MPs argued that that was not a fair test, as some had objected that defining an "evil" marder was too complicated for a large a further test was arranged at the

jury, a further test was arranged at the report stage of the Criminal Justice Bill in June 1988. That came after a promise by Mr Douglas Hurd, who was then Home

Secretary, to have the opinion of the Commons tested once more. On that occasion a simple call for the restoration of the death penalty as the maximum penalty for murder was defeated by 341 votes to 218, a majority of 123, with the Cabinet split ten to five against

restoration.

After that result on a traditional free vote in the most Thatcherite Parliament we are likely to see for some time, proponents of the death penalty conceded that it was difficult to see any events leading to its restoration in the foreseeable fourne.

Restoration was rejected in earlier votes after Mrs Thatcher came to power by majorities of 152, 129 and 119. In July 1983, there were majorities of 145 against the death penalty in general, 116 against its restoration for terrorists and 81, the lowest figure, against its restoration for those who killed police officers on duty.

A new book on the worldwide use of the

A new book on the worldwide use of the eath penalty, by Mr Roger Hood, Reader Criminology at Oxford University and a in Criminology in Oxidia University and a UN adviser on crime prevention, reveals that only four states in Western Europe retain the death penalty for ordinary officaces and that the last execution in one of those, Turkey, took place is 1984.

In the world as a whole, 27 countries have abolished the death penalty in the past 24 years and 9 more are de facto abolitionist. But two formerly abolitionist countries have

reinstated the death penalty and thirteen others which had appeared to be de facto abolitionist have executed penple.

In China the efficial policy is one of "hilling only a few".

Over 23 years, 54 retentionist countries have increased the range of crimes punishable by death, in 22 cases for drug offences and in 6 for sex offences. But the number of executions has declined steadily since 1981, largely due to less use of them by countries which had executed the most.

In the past 10 years public executions

Which had executed the most.

In the past 10 years public executions have taken place in 22 countries.

On the question of deterrence, Mr Hood says that it has been shown that, even where the rate of homicide has increased after abolition, it has lagged well behind the increase in other violent crimes. "Comparative studies of neighbouring tentionist and abolitionist states in the

tunited States of America have confirmed the earlier findings that abolition is not associated with higher homicide rates in general or more murders of police or prison While admitting that most studies have methodological flaws. Mr Hood concludes: "The evidence as a whole still gives no positive support to the deterrent hypothesis".

The Death Penalty: A Worldwide Perspec-tive by Roger Hood (Oxford University Press; £17.50).

BR chief attacked on fares policy

Mr Peter Snape, an Oppo-

described as disgraceful com-ments that long-distance com-muters had to pay increases of 40 per cent on what were already the hightest fares in Europe. Such stupid and ill informed comments would not endear the Conservatives to those com-muters in the South-east who had voted for them for years.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Sec-retary of State for Transport, said that the previous Secretary of State for Transport (Mr Paul Channon) had said that long distance commuters, representing 18,000 of British Rail's commuters or 0.5 per cent, were getting discounts of more than 60 per cent on their season tickets. They were paying less for their journey than dis-counted off-peak tickets.

Mr Channon had felt that the gap should be narrowed, al-though not closed. Rises this year were 30.5 per cent. Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds

The chairman of British Rail, ish Rail on the excellent Sir Robert Reid, was criticized advertisements for InterCity trains but said that they bore no for his fares and advertising relationship to reality. It would relationship to reality. It would be helpful for travellers from Leeds to know that the trains were not going to be on time, that they would have to change sition spokesman on transport, at Doncaster and would arrive an-hour-and-a-half late.

Mr Parkinson said that the new objectives for British Rail were not only financial but also included punctuality and clean-liness. British Rail's performance against those objectives would be published. M25 PLAN: An action plan for the M25 would be issued soon by the Government, following the consultants' review, which would propose further improvements, Mr Robert Atkins, Minister for Roads and Traffic, said at questions. Mr John Marshall (Hendon South, C) said that the M25 was Britain's longest traffic jam. By the twenty-first century the proposed widening to four lanes would not be adequate. The Government should build a "son of M25", an outer one, to relieve the congestion.

Mr Atkins said that the South and Morley, Lab) con-gratulated the chairman of Brit-own success.

The Chancellor's new clothes

The man who guided Britain's economic fortune for most of the past

decade tells Barbara Amiel about

MPs and money, 'sanctimonious

humbug' and the politics of envy

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quarters of Barclay's Bank. It was only his second day in the job and his new secretary was extremely worried. She shared a little me. "I work for another man here as well," she said, "and Mr Lawson hasn't told me a thing about what he wants. I don't even know what days he will be coming in." I had a feeling that his best behaviour notwithstanding, Lawson might not approve of shared confidences from his secretary. Very soon, I assured her, she would be hearing precisely what

he wanted.

I cannot remember what he was wearing, not a single detail, only an impression. The impression comes from walking behind him and it is of a pair of trousers and acket of ample size and extensive crumpling walking about, flap-ping, quite independently of their owner. It was rather like Gogol's short story about the man who wakes up and finds his nose has gone off in his best suit. I can't think why one has this impression of Lawson unless it is that his lack of interest in matters of style is so genuine that his clothes have noticed it and gone their own way. Some people, of course, make a snobbish point with a seeming sartorial indifference. In Lawson's case. I think it is a simple matter of a man of considerable intellect who can only be interested in so many things. It happens that he is not interested in crochet or

He is not much interested in talking about personal matters, either. There has been a lot of critical press comment about his new directorships and the money he is earning. "I don't want this to be a dominant thing," he said as I pressed him for a comment on the ruckus. "But I think we've been treated to a dose of the sort of sanctimonious humbug which is characteristic of sections of the British Press. It is the politics of envy and an awful lot of humbug. Everybody knows that people get paid all different salaries, that newspaper editors don't do all that badly, but it's a sort of nauform of demagoguery."

Weren't nasty headlines in the cabloid Press more painful for his young children and family than for him, I asked. I believe I spotted a reaction in his face, but all he said was that he really didn't like pleading and could we move on. He is, one suspects, putty in the hands of his family, or how else could he have been persuaded to dress up as a Carnaby Street dandy and face seeing his picture in velvet trousers in the Press? "It was fancy dress for a Sixties party," he said, adding "not that I have any great affinity for it, although I think my wife does have more. Bravery comes more naturally to me than dressing up."

Bravery in charting unknown waters, I should think. Economic textbooks do not have chapters on what to do with privatization and its proceeds, or measures for finance ministers to take when, having put on the brakes by raising interest rates, consumers

There was nothing written about it, nothing at all," he said.

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"We were doing things that had never been done before, which is quite unusual in government. Usually when a new government comes in and says, We want to do X', then the officials can drag out a file from a dusty cupboard which has got all the accumulated civil service wisdom on X, but privat-ization wasn't like that at all. They started from a blank sheet and they had no dusty files in the

went along, but we were immensely successful. Successful by whatever yardstick you choose. Successful in the sense that we have privatized getting on for what was 50 per cent of the stateowned sector and put it now in the very much better as a result. The fact is that other countries throughout the world have sought to emulate us, indeed come here to see how it was done, and that in techniques of privatization we have been innovative."

At this point, Lawson's well-known eye for detail became manifest as he fixed my tape recorder with it and insisted that it wasn't working. I couldn't detect an error but he continued to insist several times that the machine was faulty. Was this gamemanship (he had, after all, already prefaced a remark with "I don't know how long you have been in this country, but . . ") or an example of his overwhelming confidence in all matters? Ten minutes later the machine did go on the blink and Lawson had shown his prescience. I should have listened to him. I wondered how the Prime Minister had handled his confident

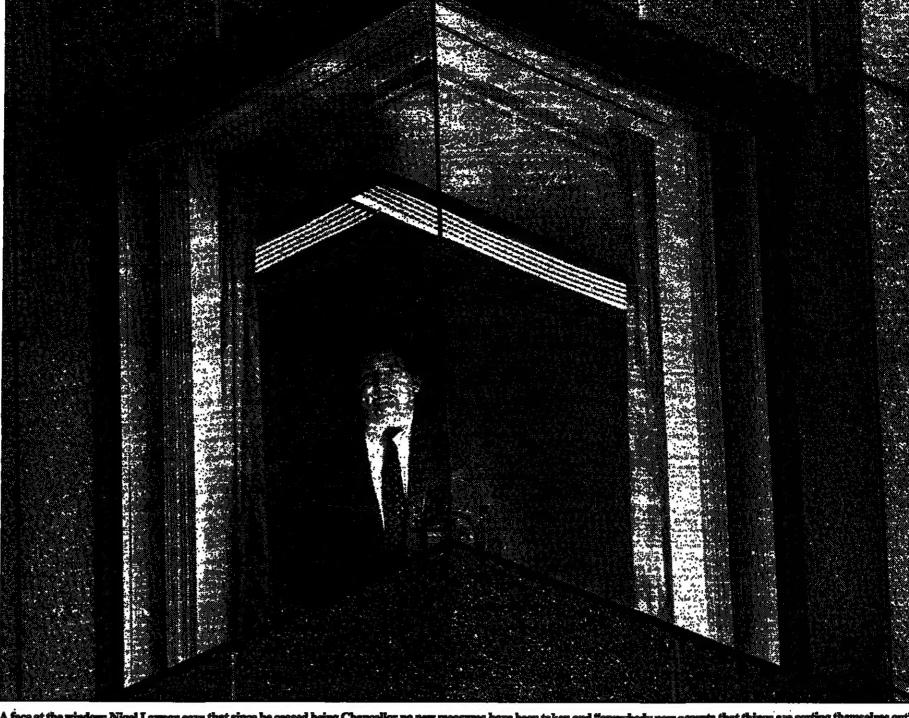
"I don't want to go into that," he said when asked about his relationship with Mrs Thatcher. "Although we are different in many ways, in fact our political thinking is much more alike than her political thinking is to many of my colleagues, if not in fact most of my colleagues. Although we did have certain well-publicized differences, in fact the areas of agreement are very much larger."
Who did he think would be Mrs

Thatcher's successor? "I don't think it is a live issue," he replied Would be wish to re-enter government? "In politics, the unexpected always happens," he said, "and you just have to see how events unfold."

Lawson never appeared to be hungry for the leadership. "If I'd had political ambition, I think I would have got into politics earlier. I was over 40 when I first became a member of the House of Commons, which is relatively late. I didn't go into politics with any great ambition for office. If I'd had any ambition at all, it was to be Chancellor of the Exchequer and I never expected that ambition to be

As Chancellor, Lawson presided over the most successful economic boom in modern Britain and it is certainly fair to credit him with an important role in creating the international strategies that checked the great crash of 1987. Could that have turned into a real depression, I asked.

"I certainly believe that had the major nations not taken action, nothing would have definitely happened but the risk of a world



spiral into a major depression was a real one. It was not just a question of people spending but of a real collapse of confidence trialized world . . . the Press was not helping because it was writing as if it was a foregone conclusion that we were going to see the Thirties over again. I think one had to take counter-action and, of course, now that is blamed for having caused the slight upsurge in inflation. But I think if I had my same thing again because I think it

But did his loosening of credit, in order to restore confidence, last just a little too long?

"Yes, well, maybe. But subsequently, there was substantial tightening up and, indeed, since I ceased being Chancellor no new measures have been taken. Everybody now accepts that things are sorting themselves out."

Was it much harder to be a monetarist in practice than in

"Yes, that is particularly true if another of your ideas is freedom and deregulation, which it certainly was. The more freedom you create, the more you deregulate. The paradox is, the harder it is to conduct the policies because people use all their imagination to find other ways of doing things and the statistics never quite catch up with what people are doing in the real world... I've always been guided by two principles: because the thing is very difficult to do doesn't mean you shouldn't try, and the second principle is

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that you do learn from experience. Now I've been accused of inconsistency. It doesn't worry me greatly, because it hasn't seemed to me inconsistency, it seemed to me changing my mind and adapt-ing to changing conditions."

Those changing conditions include a changing idea of Europe.

Lawson is opposed to European monetary union but he is in favour of a "sooner rather than later" approach to the exchange rate mechanism. This, of course, is ment with the Prime Minister, who sees the loss of control over interest rates and the manage of debt and credit as a fundamental threat to national sovereignty. How, I asked, can we join the European Monetary System and retain national sovereignty?

"The answer," Lawson said, "is the same way as other countries. At any point they have a choice. The same way as when countries were on the gold standard. Countries believed it was in their interest to stay on the gold standard but they always had the opportunity to leave it. Fun-damental issues of sovereignty are at stake only when an irreversible change occurs and an irreversible transfer of power."

His own view of the new Europe, about which he is enthusiastic, is thrown into relief by his opinions on the prospect of a united Germany. "This unifica-tion is going to come," Lawson said, "and it is quite foolish to stand in its way. On the monetary side, it has a great significance. The monetary union that is now

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proposed is explicitly the precursor of full political union and the main reason why I have been opposed to European monetary union is because I don't want to see European political union. I want to see a community, not a single state, which is what is going to happen to Germany. It does mean, of course, that in order to preserve a proper balance in the community, Britain and France will have to become much closer."

Politicians, like all other human beings, have varying degrees of philosophical and intellectual inclinations. Most politicians, like most dentists or factory managers. would not, for example, spend much time worrying about orig-inal sin. But Lawson, whose conservatism is tinged with

Friederich von Hayek's libertarianism, enjoys moving from prac-tical talk to the abstract world of ideas. "I do believe in original sin," he said when I asked him if the end of communism meant the end of evil. "I believe that you are born sinful and that there will always be sin in this world."

It is in this sense that he sees conservatism as the politics of imperfection, taking a realistic view of human nature, Intrigued, I asked him if he was an agnostic, that he was not a practising Jew. It turned out to be an indelicate question. "I'd rather not talk about that area if you don't mind," he said. Then I remembered that his wife and children are practising Catholics and I realized that his evasiveness was based on a profound sensitivity towards their beliefs. It also suggested that his own moral sense was probably humanist-based.

We were talking about salaries of Members of Parliament, I think, when a photographer from The Times appeared. I had been advancing the idea of noblesse oblige as a good reason for politicians to have modest salaries. Lawson felt that modest salaries were costing the Government good people and mentioned Lord Gowrie, who resigned as arts minister in 1985, complaining he could not manage on his £33,000a-year salary. Then he spoke of

"I obviously am now earning a substantial amount," he said, "but I sacrificed far more financially during those 10 years with the

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terrible thing if people went into politics, as they do in some countries where corruption is rife, for what they could get out of it. But there's quite a large gap between that state of affairs and what we have in Britain today." The idea of noblesse oblige in government, Lawson argued, automatically creates a civil service ethos which is hostile to wealth. "The capitalist system is seen as something rather grubby. If you say nobility is associated with low pay, then it is a very eas transition to say that those who are on large salaries, those who do do what they are doing for the money, are ignoble."

It was at that point that the photographer began to try to set up Lawson's photograph. The office was barely furnished. "I haven't kitted it up yet," Lawson said. Apart from a bookcase, empty except for Who's Who, there was only his desk. Lawson refused to be photographed behind it. "People will guess I have a desk," he said caustically. The photographer had a shot from behind it in mind. "Front or behind, it's still a desk," Lawson said."I think we've done enough."

Lawson's acute dislike of being photographed is well-known. One couldn't help but feel sympathy for him. "I sometimes sound pompous," he had volunteered earlier, looking very at ease. Now he looked so discomfited. "I hate being a performing monkey," he said with real feeling. And then, with immense politeness, he took the photographer's direction and

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Believe it, or believe it not

Leaving a newspaper office at night is as difficult as finding your way back up out of Avernus. The telephone always rings. There is always somebody who wants something; something else to be

I was making a dash for the door the other night, when Marit stopped me and asked: "Is there any difference between a pagan and a heathen?" (Oh, we discuss more than the racing and other news of the moment at Wapping, I can tell you.) At her German class they had said that there is no word for "pagan" in German, and that there is no difference between the two words in English.

This cannot be quite true. No two words are exactly the same, though in this Venn diagram the circles overlap to a considerable extent. Let us see whether we can find one of those fine distinctions that make English the richest language in the world.

Both words overlap in meaning somebody belonging to a religion or culture different from one's own, which in this case (because the words are English) usually means a non-Christian. Both words have long and interesting histories, during which their meanings and accretions of connotations have naturally chan-ged, so constantly shifting the

Heathen was marked for life by being selected by the translators of the Old Testament in the Authorized Version: "Why do the

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then" ... "I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard." living in

The means a heathdweller: somebody who lives in waste land, a primitive savage. There is a cognate connection with the Greek ethos, a people, from which we

It is a strong, disapproving word, mainly because of its resonances from King James's 47 revisers of Tyndale and Wyclif. Religious bigotry is always with us, but the

Crusades are over.
It would be difficult for anybody except a hardened bigot to use heathen today without offending somebody somewhere, and other than jocularly. "The heathen in his blindness bows down to wood and confined to lesser breeds without the Law, who do not believe in Christianity, or did not believe in Jehovah.

Pagan is a broader and softer

through no fault Philip reckens a heathern because like Socrates or Virgil, has something to do with they were born too early. It is

Hampstead mean the ancient Greeks and Ro-mans, and there-

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ral district, originally a village boundary mark fixed in the earth, from pangere, to fix. Gibbon nods when he suggests that the word comes from the Doric page, a fountain. The doublet of pagan is "peasant" and its cognates in modern European languages. With the great increase of a

> name for a civilian, as the correlative of miles, a soldier. The early Christians called themselves milites, the "enrolled soldiers" of Christ. And their adversaries who refused his sacrament, or "military" oath of

standing army under the Roman

Empire, pagan was adopted as the

tuous metaphorical name of pa-gans, i.e. civilians. This use of pagan to mean non-Christian was introduced as early as the reign of Valentinian (AD 365) into the imperial laws. This led Gibbon and his successors to point out that Christianity was originally a religion of the cities and of townees, while the old religion(s) lingered on in the sticks and the boondocks. Accordingly, they made a nice connection between fore it does not pagan as civilian non-Christian, and pagan as rustic peasant. Unfortunately, it will not connect. ations of prim-The use of pagan to mean nonthat encumber Christian is found in Tertullian about AD 202, long before Christianity was accepted as the state religion in the towns and cities of the Roman Empire. Pagan in this sense has been found in an epitaph of the second

All these religious labels are dodgy value words. Like all value words, they depend upon where you are standing. But pagen today seems a pretty neutral word to apply to somebody who does not care much for metaphysical matters, and prefers a life of the intellect and the senses. There is (alas; mercifully?) no room to discuss the other words in this Venn diagram, such as Gentile, barbarian, infidel, idolater, heretic, philistine, etc. ad naus. Will that do, Marit?

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It's a long, long trail a-winding

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

On what promised to be a television night almost entirely devistod inget aimost entirely devoted to local police corruption, with hour-long specials on both World in Action and Panorama (at least until Nelson Mandela cut a freedom trail through the scheduling) some of us had even more important matters to attend to.

Over on BBC 2, Wainwright's Coast to Coast Walk was at last

A month of Mondays ago, you may just recall, Alfred the great pedestrian and Eric Robson his ceaselessly chattering sidekick set out to plod their way across England from the Irish to the North Sea, At that time, I suggested they were like something out of a minor Pinter play. By the end, they had become positively Beckettian, with Wainwright sink-ing ever further into monosyllables and the expectation of Godot

ing around every crag. Robson veered from dramatized readings out of an AA Roadbook We are handy for the A19 here") to Wordsworthian observations on the nature of nature. Presumably, if the bard himself had arrived around the corner with a bunch of his beloved daffodils, Robson would have asked precisely how many there were and how long they had taken him to grow.

Every 29 seconds or so, Eric would enquire pathetically of his companion as to where they had just come from or whither they were about to journey onwards. Wainwright bowever, stuck to his monosyllables, only breaking into lengthy sentences to describe the delights of a monastery where the inmates were, he said, looking sharply at Robson, never allowed to speak at all.

By now it was clear that the two of them belonged in a sitcom about an odd couple of compulsive hikers mable to communicate except in the most elementary or coded of fashion. "Great sense of space here," said Robson sturing lingu-briously out at yet another expanse of rain-soaked nothingness. "Steep drop on the other side, though," said Wainwright, apparently contemplating the possibil-ities of a nasty accident.

"If we carry on up this path", asked Robson indefatigably, "where do we end up?" "Near the railway," said Wainwright; and sure enough we were then off on the ritual 10 minute amount about

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the ancient joys of steam.
Once, Robson blew his nese, thereby elevating the series to a elsewhere. "Enjoying it?" asked Wainwright. But answer for once came there none. Then they found a sign about nesting birds being an endangered species, and Wain-wright ventured that 3,000 grouse had been shot there during the previous season. "No wonder the buggers keep their heads down," said Robson mountfully, one en-dangered species recognizing an-

After that, they came to boulder with a hole carved inside it which Robson reckoned would be "a glimpse of heaven for nerve-frayed city dwellers". Quite why nerve-frayed city-dwellers would ever want to sit in a boulder with a hole through it was never explained. But then again this has always been a mysterious series. The terrible thing is that now they have gone, I think I am going to Simon Crine, the director of the National Campaign for the Arts, is leaving his post tomorrow. Today he sends an open letter of farewell to his long-term sparring partner Richard Luce, the Minister for the Arts and Civil Service

You, Arts Minister, have been in the firing line for most of my five years as Director of the National Campaign for the Arts, so it is to you that I address my parting thoughts. We both came in as outsiders - neither of us has ever earned a living from anything more creative than politics or journalism. Arts Ministers used to come and go quite quickly, especially under Mrs Thatcher, so it must be comforting for you to outlast yet another of your spar-

The National Campaign for the Arts came into being in 1985 to give concrete expression to the arts world's lack of faith in the Rees-Mogg Arts Council, and to their fears for public funding after the abolition of the munificent Greater London Council and metropolitan county councils. It was the time when your predecessor, Lord Gowrie, was slugging it out in public with arts grandees such as Sir Peter Hall and Sir Denis Forman. Five years on, the arts survive mainly thanks to their own resilience but also because you have had a couple of triumphs

over the Treasury. That could have been the excuse for the Campaign to fade away, yet, paradoxically, the Campaign is stronger than ever. New theatres, orchestras and galleries, as

Just a word before I go

well as individuals join every week. I think that tells us something about the state of the arts today. Even now, when you have just managed to wring a 12 per cent increase out of the Treasury, artists and everyone who enjoys the arts, know that £400 million does not go very far, especially outside London. In any case it may well, despite Kent Opera and now the RSC, be a case of too little too late. Compare that with what the Mitterrand government is spending across the Channel. The truth is that the arts remain as "irresponsibly underfunded" today as they were when that notable, all-party Select Committee reported to your predecessor in 1982.

I know you say, I know you have to say, that there is a limit to what the taxpayer can afford to spend on the arts and that it is up to the theatres and dance companies to make more money for themselves if they want to expand. There can be little doubt that business sponsorship has gone up quite substantially over the last five years, and that it makes a useful addition to the finances of those who receive it. I also know



Simon Crine; seeking small sums

that you have high hopes of an increase in individual donations and covenants following on from the Government's exhortations to "active citizenship" and the introduction of payroll giving. But business sponsorship and charitable donations are still only the icing on the cake: no substitute either for the box office (by far the largest component of any self-respecting arts organization's in-

come) or for public funding.

May I also counsel you not to
get too bogged down in fiddling about with structures? I know you are thinking about reorganizing the Arts Council, the Crafts Council and the regional arts associ-ations, following the Wilding Report last year. Of course, the Arts Council is not perfect. Ever an empire-builder, it is inclined to overreach itself and it is far too swayed by the latest fashion currently marketing, soon to be 1992. Nor do I buy any of this 'arms-length" nonsense about the Council's neutrality and independence: it is bound to be influenced day. And yet, for all its faults, the Arts Council is a good buffer between artists and politicians who might interfere.

I am sure that there is some sensible streamlining to do, and that there is a need for greater coordination between the Arts Council and the regional arts associations. However, you must be careful not to sever the close links between local authorities and the regional bodies, which have

done so much to foster local arts activities. A major shake-up would absorb time, energy and money which would be better directed towards the arts them-

I am certainly not calling for more dirigisme from the Arts Minister. On the contrary, I am suggesting that all the arts need are relatively small sums of money to bridge the inevitable gap between earned income and expenditure.
There is no shortage of ralent in
this country. I would urge you and
your colleagues to find a little more money, to spread it wider and then to sit back and watch the

There is one other urgent matter I would like to mention before I go: the worrying change in attitudes towards artistic freedom in recent years. It has never been easy for writers and performers to deal frankly with subjects like sex or religion in this country without facing a barracking from fundamentalists of one kind or another. The arts can live with criticism but they cannot live with intimidation or discrimination. Whether it is religious fundament-Rushdie's freedom of expression or Clause 28 discriminating against homosexuality, it is surely the job of the Arts Minister to speak up for artistic freedom.

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Velazquez reigns in Spain

John Russell Taylor finds a Madrid arts

fair eclipsed by an oustanding Old Master

n Madrid in the last week or so the International Art Fair, Arco 90, may have been the game, but for art-inclined visitors the Prado's amazing Velazquez show was undoubtedly

Arco, just entering its tenth year, has during the last nine been slowly but surely overhauling its main competitors on the Art Fair circuit. It is staged in a sort of fair field called the Recimo Ferial de la Casa de Campo, across the river and into the suburbs, this year

from February 8 to 13. Next year, apparently, it is going to move to a new site close to the airport, but, apart from comper-ative inaccessibility, the pevilions of the Casa de Campo offer few causes for complaint: physically Arco is about the best turned-out fair in the world, with air, light, nice wide alleys between the stands and, these days, virtually no rubbish allowed to intrude. In terms of quality it is more than ready for Madrid's turn as European Cultural Capital in 1992.

Areo attracts many leading British, American and German galleries to exhibit, and encourages them to make it an exhibition rather than merely ramming as much stock as possible into the shop window. Artists on the whole are really showcased here, and participation is seen more in that light than as a direct attempt to sell on the spot (Though sales, of course, are very welcome.) As well as encountering some interesting and unfamiliar contemporary art (visitors are particularly likely to find this on the Spanish stands), one can also hope to spot market

trands. This year it is very noticeable the way that promotion tends to follow major touring museum shows. The recent international assemblages of Picabia and Merit

blown opera seria arias both

straight and parodied to pieces influenced by Neapolitan folk-

song; the characters are thus

spiritually stratified by the type of

music allotted to them, from the

sublime desolation of the soprano

hero Ascanio to the melancholy

lament of the old schemer

In Milan the former part was

played to perfection by Nuccia

Focile, her crystal-clear voice in-

flected with warmth and sponta-

neity, while the latter provided a

gouty vehicle for Alessandro

Corbelli's comic gifts and rich powers of vocal characterization.

The other outstanding voice in the

young cast was Luciana d'Intino's

The volcanic presence Riccardo

Muti brought to this season's I

vespri Siciliani would have been

quite out of place, and he presided

unobtrusively from a seat on the

podium, drawing from the Scala

strings luminous clarity of texture

and constant alertness to the

ample but agile mezzo-soprano.

Marcaniello.

Oppenheim, for instance, seem to have urged a number of dealers to dig appropriate examples for sale out of their stock.

There is a concerted move to push Oscar Dominguez up among the better-known Surrealists like Dali and Ernst, which must have something to do with the big show of Latin-American art recently a the Hayward and now in Madrid at the Palacio Velazquez. There also seems to be an endless amount of Picasso available wherever one looks.

Away from "modern classics", it is intriguing to note how frequently British artists such as Tony Cragg, Ian Hamilton Finlay, Richard Long and Bill Culbert turn up in the stock of non-British galleries, without comment or any eling of oddity. One sometime wonders how far the context governs reaction to the art: for example, Antonia Jannone is showing some very pretty, finicky architectural and horticultural Sterano Paravell which here look chicly postmodern. But would not the equivalent works by Felix Kelly, usually despised as chocolate boxy, get the same sort of respect if shown in the same sort of way?

he crowds at Arco, though very considerable, are nothing compared with the mobscene regularly to be ritnessed outside the Prado. The Velazquez show has been on since January 24 and runs until March 30: just nice time for everything to rise to fever pitch. But even the most sanguine at the Prado have been taken by surprise: Velazquez has become Madrid's hottest ticket, with thousands queueing in the sun and the smog for upwards

The show has attracted so many



"Marin Teresa of Spain", circa 1651-6, on loan from the Metropolitan Museum for the Velazquez show

who have never set foot in the museum before that the number daunted by the Velazquez line, who think they may as well look round the rest of it while they are there, is often ensuring a half-hour wait even to go through the main

All of which, while properly impressive as a gauge of Madrid's eagerness for culture, is in the event perfectly understandable. The earlier version of the Velazquez show which I wrote about from New York last year was remarkable enough, with 38 out of

Velazquez's 90-odd known works, but here the Prado (which of course owns the untransportable cream itself) makes as near as humanly possible a clean sweep, with no fewer than 79 works on show. This really is "once in a lifetime". And the result is to send one out dazed with delight and

admiration. There can be no argument that Velazquez, even if he was appareatly more impressed with his own standing as gentleman-courtier than as painter, is one of the really great masters. One can see

here exactly why he was idolized by painters as different as Manet and Whistler and Ricketts, and how effortlessly he outstripped them all in the eleguence of his brushwork and the incisiveness of his vision.

To see this show and the Royal Academy's Hals show - the two painters, close contemporaries, strongly distinct and yet with astonishing similarities given that neither seemingly knew the other existed - in the same week is bliss indeed, a re-education in itself for anyone who truly loves painting.

Lovely discontinuity

OPERA INITALY Nigel Jamieson

Lo frate 'nnamorato La Scala, Milan

The music Pergolesi wrote before he died at the age of 26 has ensured him a place in operatic history but not, in our century, in the opera house. La Scala's production of Lo frate 'nnamorato, new this season, shows that his music is far too good to be neglected, but also the likely

reasons why it has been. This commedia musicale, com-posed for Naples in 1732, shares some of the flavour of Cosi fan tutte. Quite apart from the setting, the characters express their lovelorn emotions in serious music of great beauty in the context of a comic plot about rival lovers and unsuitable suitors. The range of styles is enormous, from full-

What Vladimir Ashkenazy and

the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

discovered for us as they made

their picturesque way to the sum-mit of An Alpine Symphony and then down again, is that in this

work Richard Stranss was no mere

pictorial artist. It ended the RPO's

CONCERTS Noël Goodwin

RPO/Ashkenazy Festival Hall

series of Strauss programmes as a from each instrumental section. splendidly wrought symphonic Some deeper concern with the relationship between Man and The sound of around 110 muconception. Nature linked Stranss with Mahsicians on the platform letting rip ler, who died four years before in the big climaxes is pretty Strauss's Alpine excursion was awesome, and the conductor made finished, and who left his pafinthe most of it to greateffect. But he ished Tenth Symphony as a testament to be puzzled over. They was also attentive to softer passages along the way, up to and including the oboist's quiet solo were more supportive of each other than has often been suggested, and contemplation from the summit the Teath Symphony's long openafter the grandeur of runching it, ing Adagio, played separately, gives a view that is inward rather and he kept the tempo soving well as drawing a fine response



Alexandro Corbelli: comic gues

changeable mood of the score So why is this lovely music almost unknown? Mainly because the commedia cannot lay much claim to theatricality since it consists of a long string of arias and a very few short ensembles. The dramatic interest is therefore confined to the recitatives, but Roberto De Simone's production is so authentically Neapolitan tha even the Milanese would need surtitles to follow the words.

than outward, but no less indic-ative of a state of axial.

Even though this movement is but the prologue to four others in Mahler's symphonic intention, it carries a musical logic and conviction without which so mater same

ing of the composer's overall achievement is complete. A texture of strings and wind instruments

devoid of percussion is woven into

a slow symphosic rondo which this

the Oboe Concerto from Stranss's

late years came as a welcome

lyricism. The Swiss virtuoso Heinz

Holliger demonstrated his emi-

nence in his perfect control of line

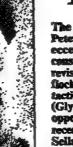
and shading in the oboe's long first

paragraph, and applied it in all that followed.

formance enfolded with care.

Between such weighty matters

ite in its Mozartian scale and



Breezing along with pop Handel

The young American director Peter Sellars is a star in Paris, his eccentric opera productions considered le dernier eri in stage revisionism. Last year, Parisians flocked to see how his shock tactics worked on Mozart operas opportunity this smaner). More recently, via Brussels Opera, came Sellars's version of Handel

His breezy populism appeals to an inverted Parisian snobbery, his cut-out American stereotypes -Tolomes with Walkman and Pepsi, Cesare as ancister Presi-dent, Egypt an unfinished Heliday Inn — have an acceptable transaftentic charm. His forcible modemization neatly embodies what the French imagine is the American seathetic: accessible, efficient, But Sellars is sometim

modern for his own good, produc-ing parodies of his style that damage the integrity of the orig-inal work. His notion of Giulio Cesare as shallow American

Stanisław Skrowaczewski's days as principal conductor of the Hallé

Orchestra are numbered. It is a

pity that he is leaving, as this

concert showed, he can inspire his players to heights undreamed of

Perhaps the best thing about

Skrowaczewski's conducting is

that, although the sound he

achieves is a richly polished one,

his approach is pleasingly straight-forward and honest. So it was,

anyway, in Sunday night's perfor-

mance of Bruckner's Third Sym-

phony, a piece which, like much of

Bruckner's work, achieves its own

transcendence through dogged

labour rather than vainglorious

not so long ago.

OPERA IN FRANCE Adrian Dannatt

Giulio Cesare Amandiers, Nanterre

imperialist, or Curio as a press attaché cum secret-service man, betray his obsession with statesmanship and the media. With its podium speeches and grimning President, the production often echoes John Adams's Nixon in Chine, which Sellars also staged. Sellars is best with such operas, formal and repetitive in structure, where the masic's fixed system

Inspired ideas — crchestra pit as swimming pool, complete with metal stairs down which Cleapatra climbs - accasionally lapse into collegiate silliness: Sellars as Animal House auteur. If the poolside setting recalls Opera Factory's

Stephen Pettitt

Hallé/Skrowaczeski

Barbican Hall

posturing. In some readings the

composer's struggles are all too obvious, but here Skrowaczewski

cut no corners. Those often un-

comfortable moments, when cli-

maxes are suddenly cut off and the

music starts chugging away all

over again, seemed here a natural

Even the hard-driven outer sections of the scherzo were

carefully moulded. The adagio

part of the larger structural plan.

allows him ample time to play with

Cosi fan tutte, much of the musical japery seems closer to Hoffmang than the avant-garde.

The stage bristles with machinegan mercenaries; even if it is not actually the case, all Seliars's productions seem to feature such soldiers. That is a danger with "trademark theatre". Sellars does not know if he wants the work to be taken seriously or not. He mocks the conventions of the original with sometimes unforgivable

Very good at jokiness, Seilars can only deal with sincere emotion by leaving the voices to get on with it in darkness. The music is, as often, both a redemption and refutation of Sellars' approach; it is a reason to close one's eyes in ecstasy, despite a production determined to keep them popping. If the Orchestre de la Monnaio was rather speedy, the singing generally was superb, Mary Westhrook-Geha's Cornelia stealing the show from Cleopatra, despite the latter's spangled bikini.

How to get the best from a band beforehand swept nobly and affectingly to its apotheosis, while the first and last movements

> miraculous balance both between and within each instrumental department. Not everything was technically perfect. More than once, overzealous players anticipated entries, but in the context of such an impressive entity it mattered not

> unfolded with an irrepressible

might. Skrowaczewski achieved a

Earlier, Peter Donohoe had been the soloist in Schumann's Piano Concerto, playing with an nnexpected lightness of tone that suited this music well.



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petillant Bordeaux wines and fine old cognac, with a sparkle to match the one in her eyes. Served ICE COLD after dinner, it creates a WARM atmosphere. Just uncork the little bottle and say 7 didn't send a card because..."

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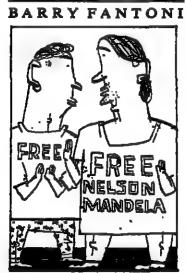
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rganizers of the Books for Romania appeal, to replace the Bucharest University library destroyed in the Christmas uprising, have been overwhelmed by the generous response, and now have more than 250,000 volumes and journals ready for shipment. Co-ordinator Richard Crampton of the University of Kent tells me that the vast majority of donations are high-quality academic tomes, but they did not refuse a case of Mills and but they did not refuse a case of Mills and Boon romance fresh from the printers, nor two back copies of Reader's Digest from a lady in Glamorgan. The largest single benefactor, however, is Dr Alex Comfort, anthor of The Joy of Sex and More Joy of Sex (and many equally respectable academic medical treatises on other subjects, I should add), who has donated no less than should add), who has donated no less than seven tonnes of books, by himself and others, the result of a mass clear-out of his house to give himself living room. Com-fort's own works caused the appeal directors a momentary frisson of concern, destined as they were for a country where contraception was unobtainable under Ceausescu, and abortion a serious offence. All, however, is well. A quiet word with the International Planned Parenthood Federation ensured that last week a lonry set off for Bucharest carrying 40,000 condoms.

• A little local difficulty with glasnost, I fear. The Hang the Monkey restaurant in Cleveland Street, London W1, planning a month of Russian cuisine for March, had invited the president and director of the Leningrad Academy of Arts – in London for the opening of an exhibition of drawings they have loaned – to lunch today to check the anthenticity of the dishes. Lunch, alas, has been cancelled; at the weekend the kitchen caught fire and is temporarily out of action. They were not, I am assured, attempting a bestroot flambie at the time.

orgive a moment's crowing, but you did read it here first. I reported as long ago as November 28 that Mandela would be released soon, as he had sent out from his Cape Town prison for a raincoat, an item he could not possibly require in detention in the Cape at that time of year. He was not, I noticed, carrying it when he strode through the gates of Victor Verster prison on Sunday, but he is well aware, as weekend viewers of news bulletins will now also be, that it can pour cats and dogs in Soweto in February.

est Germany's biggest daily, Bild, which is running a front-page countdown to reunification, now sees only one obstacle in the way — Maggie. "If she has her way," the paper said yesterday, "the London taxi drivers' association, the Soho pigeon breeders' club, the Scotch whisky lobby and the Ness Monster of the Loch Ness Monster. the Support of the Loch Ness Monster would all have to be asked permission first.' Oh well, that's it then; have you ever met a pro-German London cabbie?



7 ith talks resuming in Madrid tomorrow on the possible restoration of full diplomatic relations between Britain and Argentina, I detect some behind-the-scenes pressure in Buenos Aires to have us send the right man for the ambassadorial job. And what he must be, I hear, is Scottish. Eight MPs who visited the country last week were much taken by the widespread perception among Argentines that the Scots really had nothing to do with the Falklands war, and that Tumbledown (which the Scots Guards would claim as a battle honour) was actually taken by the Gurkhas. Lord King of BA, in town last week to reopen the air route from Heathrow, was greeted at a glittering reception with pipes and drums, tartan-clad sword dancers (all of them native-born locals) and copious quantities of Dr Ballantine's golden relaxant from Dumbarton. The burning question asked of the British guests by their hosts was when the Caledonian Ball, once a top society occasion, was going to return to the Buenos Aires social calendar. This touching tribute to God's own people will, I suspect, be severely tested when Argentina play Scotland in a World Cup warm-up at Hampden Park next month. Then they'll see what we're really like.

he British have always

respected a government that gives them strong defence, but they also expect realism. As communism collapses even in its Soviet heartland, the Tories risk appearing obsessed with the divisive nostrums of the Cold War, or else punch-drunk to the point of inertia by the speed of events.

It would be perverse in the extreme if, after two elections in which defence policy drove floating voters away from Labour, it became an issue which drove them from the Tories. Yet the Conservative Party is reti-cent about the kind of public debate on the peace dividend that is positively embraced by President Bush. Some of us fear that if we do not take the lead and set the tone, Neil Kinnock will do so, diverting attention from Labour's vote-losing nuc-

lear disarmament policies.

We are besieged by warnings about the new instability caused by the upheavals in the Soviet empire and the likelihood that Gorbachov will fail and fall. So the only safe course, some argue, is to continue spending on defence at current levels. But why? That it is hard to predict

Arms bill in need of attack not obviate the need for a reappraisal of the scale (£20 billion a year) and nature of our

defence spending. The right prescription is for Western Europe to remain economically strong through closer integration of the EC, and militarify strong by keeping Nato viable. Inevitably there is un-certainty, but the changes in Europe have lessened, not increased, the risk. It would be foolish to lose the

fruits of victory merely because defence spending at some future date may need to increase, for in the case of a new threat, the pattern of spending would al-most certainly have to be dif-ferent. But this is not to say that the Soviet offensive capability will not be modernized, nor that we will not need our own nuclear

Spending on arms has no

how change will develop does abstract value. It must relate to strategy based on analysis of the threat. Obviously the nature of the threat has changed. Nato policies have been based on the fear that vast Soviet armies might pour westwards. That is

now a less credible proposition. Regardless of the Vienna talks on conventional force reductions, Soviet troops will have to withdraw from the quicksands of Eastern Europe, and the idea that a new generation of Nato short-range nuclear weapons should be targeted on East Germany or Czechoslovakia is no longer acceptable. That chap-Mr is closed.

Our commitment to the German front is the most expensive of our roles. With circumstances in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union so dramatically changed, a rethink of our deployment of inevitable, and should begin immediately. It may be argued that an abrupt reduction in our forces would send the wrong signals to Moscow. On the contrary: our security is intrinsically linked to the Soviets' sense of insecurity. Indicating a reluctance to cut our force levels will increase the anxiety of Soviet generals, and will help to undermine Mr Gorbachov.

Of course an element of caution is needed, but that does not mean we need to retain current levels of spending or the same military posture. Yet, based on the old certainties, the British defence budget is sched-uled to rise by £1 billion in each of the next three years.

The situation in Germany no longer allows us to maintain the old posture. For some time the West Germans have resented the scale of Western forces in their country, and although Mrs Thatcher believes that a speedy Germany "could destabilize everything", it will be at the top of the agenda in the elections to be held in both East and West

Germany this year. No matter how cautious we may wish to be, the momentum is unstoppable. Trying to maintain the political or defence status quo will stoke the fires of

German neutralism. With a reunified Germany likely to become the Japan of Europe in economic terms, it is time to open our eyes to the real conflict to come, the industrial war between Europe and the Japanese, and our influence in it. Does it make any sense to continue defence spending at 4.3 per cent of GDP, in large part on behalf of Germany (which spends 2.9 per cent of its GDP on defence), when our industrial base so dramatically needs

It is on our industrial base that Britain's influence in Europe and in the world will rest. If defence spending can be cut because the landscape has altered significantly, then it should be. This would not endanger peace, but would enable us to grasp the present opportunity to enhance Britain's economic strength. Between now and 1992, the priority must be industrial, not military.

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The Soviet Union has had to respond to the military will and economic strength that have characterized the Reagan and Thatcher years, and to lose sight of this would be a grave mistake, but the British voter will not understand if we spend yet more, rather than less, on defence in future. As the Prime Minister herself has said: "You have always to be thinking ahead in great historic terms." The ultimate attraction of capitalism, to East and West, will be its ability to maintain prosperity without needing to spend so much in fear of war.

The author, Conservative MP for Leeds North-West, was vicechairman of the Conservative Parliamentary Defence Committee, 1986-89.

Bernard Levin on a failure by the anti-drink lobby to impose its wishes

Keith Hampson urges cuts to match the diminished threat

Giving the rules a puritan twist

haven't been really drunk since 1948 or thereabouts. But I am no Rechabite; many a glass of fine stuff, the finer the better, has soothed my tonsils and increased my well-being. I gave up spirits almost entirely a long time ago; the end of a long, hard day may be marked by a long, hard Bloody Mary or an aquavit, but it is many years since I tasted gin or whisky. Champagne is practically the only aperitif I touch, and if the food is conducive I can happily drink nothing eise throughout a meal. Moreover, when that long, hard day is to precede a pleasant evening, a split of the same precious juice accompanies me to my bath.

Very well; I am neither a total abstainer nor a lush, and the same can be said of most people in this land, whatever their tipple. I am not unaware of the tragedies of which alcohol has been the instrument; a close friend drank himself to death. But it is silly to brand liquor as the cause of alcoholic salfdestruction, when far more deeprooted psychological problems or unbalances are responsible, with drink (and now, of course, drugs) being only the means.

Now, however, this pleasurable and health-giving custom (obviously, I speak of drinking make the difference between beneficial liquor only, and in moderation) is under assault from a new and singularly repellent quarter. To be sure, in the it doesn't matter how many old days, temperance societies other freedoms are diminished.

and their like campaigned The spokeswowser for this against drink; their efforts were, I organization is a Mr Hatter, and

believe, grounded in the horrors of the 19th century and the gin palaces. But they pressed their case with modesty and charity; there was little or nothing of the Single Issue Fanatic in their work, let alone persecution.

All of a sudden (and it is of a sudden) a new plague has broken out; today's wowsers are not concerned to point to the dangers of excessive drinking, or to urge moderation. No; for them, it is a Cause, and if there is one thing we know about Causes with a Capital Letter, it is that those who espouse them are suffocating in self-righteousness, convinced that to bring nearer The Day, harassment, interference and bullying are indispensable. Here comes the Greater London Alcohol Advisory Ser-

demand for a start (oh, but not for a finish) that all cinema advertising of liquor should be banned, and that ultimately (I said the start wouldn't be the finish) it should be banned altogether on television as well. It seems, moreover, that the cinemas, at least, are giving in with hardly a struggle, so that such advertising is expected to vanish within a year or so. The fact that many cinemas will disappear as well, because the lost advertising revenue will

vice, whatever that might be, to

profit and loss, does not concern the wowsers; provided their pestilent busybodying triumphs,

bodies charged with examining advertisements which may have a deleterious effect (on young people, for instance) have recently strengthened their rules; young actors are now not allowed to appear in television advertisements for alcohol, nor may such advertisements suggest that drinking alcohol is a specially manly practice; the new rules even restrict the use of humour to sell drink, presumably because impressionable people may be softened up by lokes into drinking more than they otherwise might. (I must say that between the hectoring of the SIF and the imbecilities of our guardians, there is less and less to choose as the days go by.)

he exhibits the stigmata of the SIF, as I shall demonstrate. The

nyway, the rules have been made even more restrictive, which you might think would have pleased Mr Hatter. Not a bit of it; he ululates thus: "We put in 30 complaints to the ASA [Advertising Standards Authority] last year, and on all of them they ruled against us." I said that Mr Hatter would typify the SIF; well, doesn't he? For what is the typical stance of this unattractive breed? It is, surely, a demand that the jury be picked by the accusers; it has plainly not occurred to him that the ASA may have rejected his complaints because they were without foundation, the advertisements in question being within the rules.

The Rechabite says it is wrong So much the worse for the to drink, and although I reject

wisely is beneficial.



sympathize with, his point. He ever we want to happen must has, of course, forgotten what the First Miracle was about, which is happen. The obvious analogy is, of course, with the smoking naughty of him, since he bases wowsers, but they, at least, have his charge on scripture (Jeremiah, 35, 6), but although he a case; smoking is in itself dangerous. The drinking, in wishes that we should all abstain, moderation, of good wine or even pure spirit is in itself not he does not see it as his duty to dragoon us into doing so. dangerous, and indeed used

Not so the Hatters. And now here comes Mr Derek Rutherford, of the Institute of Alcoholic Studies (how many more of

these wowsers' covens are going to spring up before we rise in revolt and get the tar and feathers out of the cupboard?), who looks like joining his brother Hatter in the matter of packing the jury. He wants advertising controlled by a body set up by the Government and stuffed with "members of the

health lobby". The wowsers will deny it, but what they are really after is Prohibition, just as the smoking fanatics will not cease until the manufacture, sale and use of tobacco has been made illegal. But both of them start and finish at the same point; they are quite sure that they know what is good for us and what is bad for us. The fact that we dare to say that in our judgement they may be wrong in their assessment of us only inflames their certainty, and strengthens their determination to call us all to heel.

am a bachelor, but I am close to many children. I would never offer one of them a cigarette, and would gently ("gently" - the wowsers should look the word up in a dictionary, for they have cer-tainly not encountered it before) try to stop them smoking if they have started. But I deem it nothing less than a duty to introduce them to good wine. which is one of the noblest and sweetest pleasures in life, and I am happy to say that one of the youngest has become something of a connoisseur of first-class champagne. He takes it in sips only, of course, for I stress again that moderation is an essential ingredient in drinking; but I hope and trust that he will learn more about wine as he grows r, and will appr one of nature's greatest gifts.

Meanwhile, the wowsers sow teeth and watch armed men spring up. Let us resolve to arm ourselves in turn, and do battle with those who hate pleasure, but hate even more terribly the thought of those who enjoy it. Mud in their eye!

Thought for Today: your bias is so blatant

The Daily Express of Feb-ruary 3 carried an article Woodrow Wyatt urges the BBC to change its radio breakfast crew

from the Media Monitoring Unit, which had examined the BBC Today programme for impartiality over a two-week period in January. The study found that more Conservative than Labour supporters were interviewed on *Today*, including a number of Conservative MPs strongly opposed to important aspects of government policy.

Labour was rarely asked to explain and defend its policies. Anti-government spokesmen were generally given a gentle ride. Government spokesmen were usually violently chal-lenged, up to insolent insult. This approach backfired on January 19 when Kenneth Baker, the Conservative party chairman, robustly turned the tables following a Today report one-sided in its condemnation of the community charge.

A fairly regular listener to Today, I sent the BBC 12 basic questions last Tuesday. Some were about the political predelictions and voting habits of the producers and the four presenters, Brian Redhead, Sue Mac-Gregor, John Humphrys and Peter Hobday. The reaction was

tions to the BBC and its fearless Today investigators, who insist on answers to questions of every kind on their programme. "We do not want to know their private political convictions," the BBC formally replied.

But the information is germane in enabling listeners to know by what viewpoint the supposedly impartial Today is steered and whether it assumes that attacking the Government more vigorously than the Opposition is a normal middle-of-theroad stance.

When we were BBC political commentators there was no concealment of the political leanings of Robin Day (Liberal), Geoffrey Johnson-Smith and Chris Chataway (Conservative), Christopher Mayhew and myself (Labour). We all tried, rather successfully, to be unbiased, but viewers or listeners knew where our hearts were.

In the US, commentators on current affairs in the most influential media believe in openness. They do not denounce questions about their private political convictions as an inva-

sion of privacy. The answers of being anti-Thatcher with a nor-238 of them are recorded in The Media Elite, published in Amer-

In 1964, 94 per cent voted for the Democratic candidate in the presidential election. In 1968, 87 per cent. In 1972, 81 per cent, and in 1976 the same. From later investigations the book's authors conclude that the anti-Republican feelings of those commenting in the press, television and radio are mounting.

I assume that the left-of-centre ethos is similar here, although the BBC, for one, wishes to keep it secret while arrogating to itself the duty of exposure in every area but its own. The political standing of Brian Redhead, the leading figure of the Today programme, is easily deduced. He joined the strongly anti-Conservative Manchester Guardian in 1954 and progressed from features editor to assistant editor, and was northern editor of The Guardian from 1965 to 1969. He was editor of its sister paper, the Manchester Evening News, from 1969 to 1975, when he joined the Today programme. Redhead probably equates

mal, civilized, balanced approach. I would be delighted to hear from the rest if they voted other than for an anti-Conservative party in the last two elections and I am amazed at their timid reticence

My view is that the Today programme provides a steady drip-drip diet of anti-government propaganda while attempting to mask it as the objective reporting and comment enjoined in the guidelines sent me by the BBC. One is a jolly joke: "Scripts and questions in interviews should not state or imply rele-vant personal opinions" but "They can include subjective

Last Wednesday, Today three times billed as one of the most significant news items of the day a report by the Money Advice Funding Working Party chaired by Lord Ezra without revealing that he is a leading anti-government spokesman in the Lords. With no challenge, Today retailed the information that about half a million households are in some financial difficulty as a some financial difficulty as a cause, according to the BBC, it result of what the report calls has a "daily reach" of six million

"the credit explosion" under this government. The implication was clear: that the climate created by the Government encourages overspending. The re-peated interview with Lord Ezra was inordinately long.
The Ezra report was dismissed

in a few lines without a headline on page three of The Times and dealt with in a few inches in the bottom left-hand corner of page 25 of The Independent.

You can guess why Today gave this unimportant report so much prominence. And why yesterday morning, just before the Saunders trial, Today allowed an ex-policeman to muse, unchallenged, that the Government is less than serious in rooting out financial wrongdoing because its paymasters are in the City. So the anti-government propaganda goes on, sometimes blatant, sometimes subtle, often because attacking the Government is natural and normal to the presenters, who probably do it unconsciously as well as

Today's bias is serious be-

often gentle, rap on the knuckles for Labour. It must have an insidious effect on its audience. most of whom still believe the BBC is concerned only with the truth and do not have the means to investigate its dodgy "facts" and unjustified assumptions.

The editor and three of the presenters have each been on Today for roughly three years, which is quite long enough. Brian Redhead is in his fifteenth year, which is so long that the barnacles of his political emotions cannot now be removed.

The BBC's chief press officer told me pompously: "The BBC do not vet staff." He repeated this somewhat testily after I pointed out to him that the BBC had done it for years with the help of a brigadier from MI5. (see DG by Alasdair Milne, page 147). If the BBC could do that, it should care about the political ambience of the makers of

In 1941 Brian Redhead played the clarinet on Children's Hour. Removing him to a five-year stint on something similar is overdue and not exactly exile to Siberia. Today needs a complete change of bowling.

It's an odd feeling to know what you'll be sucking when you're 87. It is both locally odd — how will this tongue feel, then, will it have shrivelled and lost sensation, will it be lolling from side to side, will it be jabbering to itself? How will these teeth feel, will they wobble, will they clack, will they be there at all or have given gummy way to shimmering prostheses? What about these lips, will they be vacantly grinning, crabbily denouncing, lecherously puckering, will they perhaps, as they suck, be attempting simultaneously to whistle a fetching track from 83vear-old Paul McCartney's 233rd

eolden album? - and less locally odd, which is to say, where will this sucking head he, provided it is not six feet under something? Will it be staring glumly from the barred window of the Bide-A-Wee Sunset Scrapyard? Floating happily

Preserving me in mint condition

nal, courtesy of Cook's interplanetary Winter Breaks? Craning for a glimpse of the scampered single which will thwart Latvia of England's follow-on? Thronging loyally in Downing Street, to express its personal good wishes to its Prime Minister on the occasion of her 100th birthday? Indeed, might this head, wherever it is, be wondering nervously

whether its recent run-of-the-mill transplant means that it has acquired a new body, or that the body has acquired a new head, and what the answer implies vis*d-vis* its pension entitlements? We can confidently — and per-haps fortunately — answer none

on some sunsoaked Martian ca- of this. The future is a foreign country, they will do things differently there. All we can be sure of is what the head will be sucking, in 2026; if it is sucking anything it will be sucking a Trebor Extra Strong Mint.

We know this because of the generosity of Mr Roger Munby. And the possibility that that generosity may contain an element of shrewdness must be allowed to detract not one whit from it, since Mr Munby is Trebor's Executive Director of Marketing, and he would be untrue to his lights - and we should all think the worse of him - if he did not executively direct the market at every conceivable and banging on its feint-ruled



COREN opportunity. And at the odd inconceivable one, too. On December 12, 1989, you may recall, I occupied this space

by running about intemperately

walls to the effect that my new navy overcoat had been nicked from a cloakroom peg in the Garrick Club, and I speculated as to the kind of swine who might have pulled such a stroke because December 12 was in the days before we had heard about the Garrick Mafia, and if I had known then what we all know now, I would have kept my trap shut (indeed, this seems as good a time as any to apologize. Keep the coat, paysano, I hope it's nice and warm, and if it isn't roomy enough under the arms to accommodate professional bulges, send

the alteration bill to me.) I heard nothing more - you will say luckily - until last week,

when a small box, forwarded by this newspaper, arrived at my door. It did not, however, contain an overcoat. It contained 36 rolls of Trebor Extra Strong Mints, and a letter in which, after many a solicitous murmur, Mr Munby concluded: "... although I cannot stretch to a replacement cashmere coat, I can at least provide some warming comfort in the deep winter's chill."

How could he have guessed what he had done? It is not his fault - even Wordsworth, than whom no one could have been more of a stranger to executive market-directing, believed the best portions of a good man's life were the little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love, remaining utterly oblivious to how much they can screw

their hapless recipients up. For I am funny about mints. I suck exactly one tube a year, I know this, because I invariably buy a tube at Christmas, when I tend not only to drink more uninterruptedly than normal, but also to breathe on more people, including policemen, more frequently. By New Year's Day, there are usually two mints left in the packet, which collect fluff for a month or so before getting summarily eaten in a sort of general tidying-up of the pockets.

So when I look, as I look now, at Mr Munby's gift, I see the next 36 years. Let J. Alfred Prufrock measure out his life in coffeespoons, mints are my meter. One by one, the rolls will go, as Yule follows Yule, and which, I wonder, will run out first, the box or I?

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TOWARDS A NEW ENTENTE?

The Soviet attitude to the accelerating reunification of Germany swims into focus one day and out again the next. This uncertainty is not reassuring but it ought to prompt Nato countries to pull together their own consensus on an issue which has provoked so much division in history.

There is wide agreement that stability and security in Europe should be discussed under the framework of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), which embraces most of the states in both Western and Eastern Europe. This unexceptional suggestion has distracted attention from the Western organization which most plainly requires it: Nato. The alliance's priorities have so far been the containment of the Warsaw Pact, the containment of German power in a multilateral alliance and the preservation of the American link to Europe. Its membership represents the widest range of democratic states on both sides of the Atlantic which can be combined with the military force (mostly American) to defend the common values at the heart of the alliance. To talk, as many now do. of Nato becoming a "more political" organization than it has been in the past is therefore misleading. It has from its formation been a political organization.

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The Warsaw Pact may dissolve, but prudent military insurance against Soviet military power will remain necessary while the Soviet Union remains the military giant that it has become. Nato, if Germans so decide, can play a role in linking West Germany or a reunified Germany to its partners. Retention of an American link - at a lower military level remains necessary as a foundation of democratic security in Europe.

Lower-level residual desence requires new tactics and technology. Should a Nato strategy for a new generation take account of a new generation of countries which may deploy missiles with nuclear or chemical warheads? If

Nato exists to pool resources in the defence of freedom, can additional members join and what criteria should they meet? By what principles should the new burdens be distributed in the light of both force cuts and the reductions in American forces stationed in

The last question holds a particular importance for Britain. If the Soviet Union can be persuaded to accept a reunified Germany in Nato, there will still be political pressure in Germany for the shrinkage or removal of the Nato presence. Since US forces will reduce, more of the future European defence will pivot on the nuclear powers, Britain and France. The two countries of the old entente have to look forward to altered relationships with the US and with each other. It seems likely that if there are to be foreign troops on German soil, they will be more acceptable if they are Europeans. That, in effect, means forces organized round a Franco-British core. Effecting such changes also pre-supposes that the long-standing French suspicion of Nato, eroding of late, can be overcome. In this diplomacy, Britain would find a natural role as broker.

Or it would if its diplomacy and utterances showed some sense of what the European strategic future could be. At present, the Government still finds difficulty in achieving a consistent line on German reunification. At the end of a week in which its tone of voice sounded more friendly, the Prime Minister suggested that international agreements could be used to delay reunification.

This failed to establish a case for international intervention while sounding a grudging and reluctant note about the inevitable. The effect of this veering is to make Britain's interests harder to advance and defend in the multilateral negotiations to come. In the establishment of a security system for the next century, Britain - as it always has - needs

LONG LIVE THE GENERAL LINE

In the immediate aftermath of the Tiananmen Square massacre, China's Prime Minister, Mr Li Peng, indicated that if the West made life difficult, China would respond by drawing closer to the Soviet Union. That strategy, clearly designed to alarm the West, never

looked terribly convincing. It consorted ill with President Gorbachov's own agenda, which would not have been well served by policies risking confrontation with the West; and it discounted the need shared by both countries for Western technology. Despite the Sino-Soviet thaw, confirmed by President Gorbachov's visit to Peking the previous month, China seemed unlikely to revert to the enthusiasms of the "learn from the Soviet Union" campaigns of the 1950s.

Events beyond the Great Wall, first in Eastern Europe and then in the Soviet Union itself, have ruled out for Peking the option of playing the Russian card. The priority for its nervous leadership is now to ensure that China's people learn as little as possible from

the Soviet Union. After days of complete silence, the Peking Daily responded to last week's political earthquake in Moscow with an editorial insisting that without the strong leadership of the Communist Party, "the nation would be split" by turmoils and wars. But the publication on the same day of a six-week-old internal party document on "multi-party co-operation" suggests that even Peking's hardliners have begun to concede that they must lend a more attractive public gloss to the task of "building socialism with Chinese characteristics".

The document is hardly revolutionary. It reaffirms the Communist Party's role as "the core of leadership in the cause of socialism" and rejects any question of a multi-party system of the kind practised in Western

capitalist countries. Any political organization which opposes "the four cardinal principles" - the party's leading role, the people's "democratic dictator-

ship", socialism, and Marxist-Leninist-Mao Tse-tung thought - must, it says, be banned as soon as discovered. But it also lays new emphasis on the claim that China's is not the one-party system of other socialist countries. The eight "democratic parties", wholly subservient ghosts which are carry-overs from before the 1949 revolution are to be given a more prominent role in party affairs, and some of their leaders even offered senior posts.

The reality is purges which have intensified since last June and involved the jailing, according to a report by Asia Watch last week, of between 10,000 and 30,000 "ordinary workers". A People's Daily editorial last month stating that party cadres should be selected according to their "loyalty to Marxism" and that those who "trim their sails according to the political wind" should be dismissed, recalls the Cultural Revolution's slogan, "better Red

The policy document also, however, indicates that repression has failed to eradicate dissent. The leadership evidently believes that the battle between truth, defined as those who unquestioningly uphold the party's ideological line, and "counter-revolutionary conspiracy". is far from convincingly won. In the effort to restore political orthodoxy, and to reassert the centre's control over the provinces, economic reforms have been reversed, with a return to the central allocation of resources and close party direction of economic life. The "open door" to foreign investment opens on an environment inimical to the market.

In present circumstances, the World Bank's recent decision, with US encouragement, to resume lending to China, looks questionable. Such conciliatory gestures at this stage, by strengthening the hand of those who argue that China can repress its reformers and intellectuals with impunity, might usher in the very instability which they were intended to forestall

HOMOSEXUAL POLITICS

The Church of England and the Labour Party are currently both suffering from sexual embarrassment. Both of them have a constituency which actively lobbies for homosexual equality, causing discomfort to their leaders who know the issue is a pew-emptier or a voteloser, as well as an awkward question on its

own merits. Labour Party conferences have passed demands for the lowering of the age of consent for homosexuals so often that it has become almost a reflex. Labour's policy at the next election, however, is likely to be no policy at all, but simply the offer of a free vote in Parliament.

The Labour leadership will be blamed by the gay rights lobby for treating it as an open question - a suitable subject for a free vote instead of campaigning unequivocally in favour of homosexual equality. But a decision by Parliament to lower to 16 the age at which homosexual intercourse ceases to be criminal would never be easy to reverse. It would signify that society had finally adopted the view that homosexuality and heterosexuality should be regarded in all respects as equal. And that is

still far from true. There are several good reasons why the age of consent should be left as it is, at 21. The sexual development of male adolescents goes through several stages sometimes including, particularly in an all-male environment such as a boarding school, a homosexual stage. But few people would regard that as a satisfactory completion of the process.

A law against under-age sexual behaviour, whether homosexual or heterosexual, does have a positive symbolic influence in such cases. Where the people concerned are of similar age, it needs to be applied with discretion and sensitivity. Where it involves the sexual exploitation of youth by a much older person, however, the full sanction of the criminal law is legitimate. In the extreme case, that of young male prostitutes, the advantage

of the present law is that, unlike female prostitution, it covers the client as well as the prostitute. This is a form of discouragement that is clearly to the public good, not least in the light of the threat from Aids. This is not the time to be seen to be relaxing vigilance against such a scourge.

While the Labour Party proposal for a free vote is some improvement on conference policy, the position currently occupied by the bishops of the Church of England makes them look a trifle foolish. The House of Bishops is confronted with the leak of a report it commissioned several years ago, which in spite of a nominal even-handedness in fact presses the arguments for accepting homosexual behaviour by church members and clergymen.

The commissioning of a report to advise them on their pastoral practice was naive if well-intentioned, but the Church of England at large was surely entitled to know what advice they received, especially as the General Synod has a declared policy on homosexuality. The synod, in effect, called it sinful. The report should have been published and debated as soon as it was ready, and if it did not comply with the policy to which the bishops themselves are committed, disowned. Instead the bishops have kept the report alive, but tried to hide it in the episcopal closet.

In view of the report's general prohomosexual tenor, the bishops are bound to be suspected of looking for a way round the resolutions the synod passed on homosexuality in 1987, even to the extent of ordaining practising homosexuals. The Church is bound to conclude that the bishops do not trust it.

The bishops have left themselves open to attack for seeming to treat the issue as an open question - needing more study, more reports - instead of taking a firm position against it, as the synod decided they should. If this is not their intention, the sooner they say so the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr Richard Stainton
Sir, Angela Rumbold's fliration
(report, February 9) with the
Danish practice of teachers staying with a class throughout their

primary years will, I'm sure, cause

surprise in the staffrooms; not because the underlying concepts of stability and security are alien to primary teachers — indeed, many schools and teachers con-

sider these very carefully and,

when appropriate, do encourage prolonged association between a class and a particular teacher.

Rather, the surprise will result

from an awareness of the con-

tradiction between this concern

for relationships and the domi-nant effects of most of the Gov-

Positive pupil-teacher relat-

ionships have been a hallmark of

primary schools in Britain. How-

ever, the current pressure on teachers to "fit everything in" whilst completing some 900 stan-

dard assessments, in just the three

core subjects, is reducing the time for pastoral work in primary

As teachers think of the publica-

tion of results and the resultant league tables of schools there is

little encouragement to focus on

individual non-academic needs

The Government has presided

over a serious primary-teacher

shortage in the inner-city areas. It

is not uncommon in many schools

for teachers to change during a

term and frequent that they change during the year, or that children spend periods of time

without a regular teacher. And yet it has been almost impossible to

get the Government to admit that

(Principal Officer, Primary/Middle Education), National Union of Teachers

From the Chairman of Mensa Sir, Your account (February 6) of

the report of the Senior Chief

inspector of Schools confirms the

experience of this foundation. Less able children, especially, are

badly taught and under-chal-lenged. But the failure to bring out

the potential of the most able

children may be even more damaging to the national interest, though less noticeable.

We have identified over 800

cognitively outstanding children in the last year alone, Many are well provided for, but many are absurdly under-challenged. The

most serious problem appears to

CARSTOOMS.

and experiences.

the problem exists.

RICHARD STAINTON

Mabledon Place, WCI.

Yours faithfully,

Hamilton House,

February 12.

crament's educational reforms.

Manpower needs Early struggles in the schoolroom in the Services

From Captain H. H. Bracken,
RN (retd.)
Sir, Like many other of your
correspondents, Major-General
Strawson (February 7) bases his
ideas about the future of the
Armed Forces on the experiences
of the past rather than a realistic
assessment of what lies about nt of what lies ahead.

Up to 1985 there was a constant increase in the number of recruitable men (and women) in the 16-24 age group. Since then there has been a sharp downturn and by the year 2000 there will have been a reduction of 24 per cent. Furthermore, there will be fierce competition from other employers for this limited supply.

The reduction in the Gibraltar garrison which he deploted was occasioned as much by shortage of manpower as any other consideration. As regards the use of overseas bases to improve the quality of Army life, how many of them will be needed for strategic reasons in the future in the changing world situation, and in any event Hong Kong will have disappeared as a base by 1997.

May I add that the same trend is apparent in varying degrees throughout Nato. The decline in West Germany is 40 per cent (and 17 per cent in East Germany), 30 per cent in The Netherlands, 20 per cent in Italy, 15 per cent in France, etc. The truth is that even if the political eitherian had not if the political situation had not undergone such a dramatic change, manpower shortages would have forced a measure of disarmament since, even in countries which have conscription, about 50 per cent of their mannomer are volunicers.

It is of interest that in Eastern Europe and the USSR the trend is in the opposite direction — a matter of considerable significance both within and outside purely military considerations. Yours faithful

H. H. BRACKEN (Director of Mauning, Admiralty, 1962-64), The Old House, Groombridge, East Sussex. February 10.

Consumer protection From Mr Michael Shersby, MP for

Uxbridge (Conservative) Sir, I write as one of the several Conservative sponsors of Martyn Jones's Consumer Guarantees Bill to deny the suggestion in Jack Straw's article, "Buyer beware: the Tories are against you" (February 5), that there is widespread hostil-ity to the Bill amongst Conservative MPs.

It was a former Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes, who, as chairman of the National Consumer Council, was responsible for instigating and developing this reform. But for the support of 18 Conservative MPs and nine from minority parties the Bill would not have received its second reading.

The reservations expressed by the Minister for Consumer Affairs about parts of the proposed consumer guarantee are, I believe, mistaken. A Bill which has the support of leading manufacturers uality goods such as Hotpoint and Volvo and of retailers such as Argos, Comet, the Co-op, and the Retail Consortium, should have the Government's endorsement so as to encourage other businesses to raise their standards.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SHERSBY, House of Commons. February 6.

From Mr Stephen Biller Sir, How sad for the British motor industry and motoring public than the experiences of Messrs Jack Straw, MP, with his own car, and Martyn Jones, MP, should be the basis for the latter's Consumer Guarantess Bill.

For 40 years management in the British motor industry, harassed by trade unions, tried to introduce product improvements and better manufacturing techniques which are the foundation of industrial excellence in Japan and Germany.

British Labour Party leaders would project a more sincere and coherent message if they exhorted those who gain their livelihood in the motor industry to individual commitment in the workplace in perfecting their products.

The Labour Party appears to overlook the work ethic that drives Britain's international ri-

Like Mr Straw's car and the proposed Bill, British Trabants, Skodas, and Dacias will not sell. The emphasis must be on the real producers, the workers themselves, succeeding in a compet-itive environment, the yearning of the peoples of Eastern Europe. Yours faithfully,

S. BILLER, rue des Tiennes 13A, B-1338 Lasne, February 6.

Rottweiler defence

From Mr L. P. Elsden Sir, Three children died in the United Kingdom in the first nine months of 1989 as a result of being attacked by a dog. One of these was Kellie Lynch; another died after an attack by a breed which I am certain was not a Rottweiler, Dobermann, or pit bull terrier, the breeds listed by Bernard Levin (January 29) as being unfit to share the lives of human beings.

Furthermore, in the 10 years preceding 1989 12 people, according to figures supplied by the Office of Population Censuses and

now hear about, must have con-sequences for the promising childrequested for the promising control of the average ones. At such schools very large numbers of children who are capable of the higher education

be at the primary level. Any child's stritude towards education seems to be almost inversibly

Indiscriminate education mixed-ability schools and class

the discouragement of selection

for excellence (labelled "creaming off") in about nearly 18,000 sub-standard primary schools that we

fixed at this period.

that the nation crucially needs them to have are unlikely to be motivated towards it or qualify The Government's welcome reforms are bound to take a very long time to remedy such a serious

deterioration, as many teachers are saying. I strongly recommend a vigorous return to the fast-track schemes of selection that were once normal here and still are in more successful countries. If only as an emergency measure, let us at least identify the most educable children and give them a chance to contribute as they can and should.

VICTOR SEREBRIAKOFF, Chairman, densa Foundation for Gifted

Children Mensa House, St John's Square, Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

From Mr Norman Windsor Sir, Before considering her Majesty's inspectors' annual report on schools can we raise half an eyebrow about the quality and credibility of the inspectors them-

Having accepted the "play-way" premise of the Plowden report some 30 years ago, they have subsequently presided over declining educational standards, culminating in the Government's imposition of a national curriculum. During this period of decline the only opposition to be heard was from the brave authors of the notorious "Black Papers".

As a young primary school teacher, I remember being advised that dictation was giving children a raw deal. Isn't it possible that the discipline of having to look closely at the structure of words might be a useful skill not unrelated to the art of scientific investigation? Do we still think that the nation's scientific future is completely dependent on the provision of sand and scales in the infant class? Yours faithfully, NORMAN WINDSOR,

5 Wexford Road, Wandsworth Common, SW12. February 10.

means-tested grant. This contribu-

tion would be related to the

amount received in grant.

Yours faithfull

graduates' income and not the

Mr MacGregor's letter to me

seems to be based on a mis-apprehension. His detailed objec-

tions to individual debt collection

through the National Insurance

system are not relevant to our

scheme, which is for an income, not debt-related contribution.

EDWARD PARKES (Chairman),

Committee of Vice-Chancellors

Student grants plan From Sir Edward Parkes

Sir, Readers of your report, "MacGregor rejects academics' student loan plan" (February 12), may be confused as to what it is exactly that the vice-chancellors are suggesting.

Their proposal remains, as it has done since the publication of the White Paper, that all students should be eligible for a full grant without assessment of parental means. No part of this would be a loan. The cost would be covered by a contribution levied through the tax system on graduates who had carrier received the non-

and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom, 29 Tavistock Square, WC1. February 12.

Food for thought

From Mr David H. Holder Sir, As a businessman heavily involved in new projects in the USSR, I was particularly attracted to your report (February 1) on the opening of the Moscow Mo-Donald's eating house.

The cost of a ticket for seat no. 10 in stalls box no. 8 at the Bolshoi theatre on January 10 - a superb scat for a magnificent evening's entertainment - was 2 roubles, 50 kopecs.

Your report gives the price of a beefburger as 3 roubles, 75 kopecs, so the residents of Moscow now have a choice. What would we give for such a choice? Yours sincerely, DAVID HOLDER, Collieston.

Chelmsford, Essex February 6.

Meter reading From Mr Barrie Luscombe

Sir, We are sorry we had to insist on access via a warrant to the home of Mr Banks (January 26). For meter reading and service we have tried to contact Mr Banks a total of 13 times in the past six months. The service contract for his address is with the London Borough of Islington; at our request they also tried to contact Mr Banks.

Letters and other commun ications were sent to Mr Banks, and on at least four occasions our meter reader, or service engineers, called at his address and there was

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(01)782 5946.

Mr Banks was given every opportunity, including specific numbers on which to contact our company. If Mr Banks had contacted as we could have made arrangements suitable to him. Yours faithfully B. LUSCOMBE

(Customer Accounting Manager), British Gas plc (North Thames), PO Box 100, Staines, Middlesex. February 2.

Control of tradesmen From the Master of the Plumbers' Company

Sir, The problem of the "cowboy" plumber, to which the Chief Executive of the Institute of Plumbing (February 8) refers, is by no means new. Between 1892 and 1903 this company promoted no fewer than eight Bills in Par-liament for the registration of plumbers, none of which became law. A further Bill, presented as recently as 1965, also failed.

It is as clear today as it was a century ago that Government action is urgently needed. Consupply by faulty plumbing has already been canvassed as an example of a generally poor standard; an even more obvious example is the fact that only about one cover is sold for every 100 water tanks supplied to domestic properties.

I remain, Sir, your obedient M. G. WAYMAN, Master, The Worshipful Company of Plumbers, 21 Fleet Street, BC4.

February 8. headlines for every road accident involving a particular make of car while ignoring accidents asso-ciated with all other makes.

result of dog bites suggest there are in excess of 600 cases a day. The Rottweiler is highly intelli-I consider these figures show that the Rottweiler does not gent and easily trained and has an excellent record of success in all forms of work. Regrettably, some transgress more than any other people train them for the wrong dog, and probably less than some. To attack the Rottweiler is as unfair and illogical as it would be

Yours faithfully. L. ELSDEN (Rottweiler Breed Representative, Kennel Club Breed Liaison Council), Chesara Rottweilers, Chesara, Slip End, nr Baldock, Hertiordshire. February 9.

Saving nature north and south

From the Director General, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Sir, The views expressed by Lord Campbell of Croy (January 27) help to clarify the decision-making process over the environment in Scotland. It is indeed the Secretary of State for Scotland who decides environmental and planning mat-ters. It was he who authorised peatdigging at Duich Moss, Islay, threatening the wintering grounds of the rare Greenland white-fronted goose. It was his Scottish Office that sanctioned destruction of the Flow Country peatlands through inappropriate conifer efforesturion.

It was the Scottish Office that gave planning permission for a pipeline fabrication yard at Morrich More, Ross and Cromarty, threatening an estuary which is of international importance for wild birds. Many other areas of national and international importance for wildlife have suffered at the hands of the Secretary of State for Scotland.

In contrast, it was the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with his UK-side responsibilities, who closed the tax-loophole incentives for Flow Country forestry. It is only by having a Great Britain overview of our natural environment that the Nature Conservancy Council has been able to influence conservation in Scotland. That is why the RSPB opposes the Gov-ernment's proposals to hand over NCC to the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales.

The Government has re sponded to our concerns by proposing a new joint committee to provide the Great Britain overview. We do not consider the committee will best serve the national interests of conservation unless it is provided with a) statutory powers to direct nature conservation priorities in Eng-land, Scotland, and Wales; b) a budget which is independent from the three country agencies; and c) a full complement of policy and scientific staff.

The RSPB is not opposed to the reorganisation of NCC or the federalisation of its responsibilities. But we do want to ensure that nature conservation is delivered as effectively in Caithness as in Cornwall

Yours faithfully, IAN PRESTT, Director General Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire. February 5.

Legal language

From the Francisco Judicial Office

Mr C. N. Bes From the Principal Clerk of the

(February 8) says that, in his last case before the House of Lords, he omitted the words "humble" and your petitioner will ever pray from the petition of appeal. The case to which he refers must, I think, be Bird and others v. The Commissioner of Inland Revenue, where Mr Beattle appeared for the appellants and where judgment was delivered in May, 1988.

I do not, of course, know in what form the petition left Mr Beattie's chambers, but I can youch for the fact that it was presented to the House with all the required phrases, "humble" and all. Perhaps Mr Beattie's solicitors corrected the document before presentation.

Mr Beattie is also wrong to deny that the "humble language" is mandatory. The formulae with which petitions should begin and end are laid down by the "Directions as to Procedure" and although Mr Beattie may be right to say that the omission of certain words would not cause the skies to fall, this has yet to be put to the

Yours faithfully, JAMES VALLANCE WHITE, Principal Clerk, Judicial Office, House of Lards. February 8.

From Miss Penelope E. Morgan Sir, An even more disarming expression of good will is recorded in letters from petitioners to the Mayor of Hereford about 1661. They promised to "invocate the Almighty for your worships Externall, Internall and Etternall happyness, etc.". Yours faithfully PENELOPE E. MORGAN, 6 The Cloisters, Cathedral Close, Hereford.

Unlikely skirl

February 5.

February 9.

From Mr M. H. M. Garton Sir, Mrs Jack (February 9) was surprised to hear the bagpipes being practised above Crans Mon-tane. My wife and I enjoyed their familiar sound far from home when we heard them being played at Paragnay's Caledonian Ball in Asuncion in 1974. The piper, again, was not a Scot, but Argentine, imported from Buenos Aires.

Equally entertaining were the evenings spent over the previous months teaching Paraguayans to dance Scottish rock. Yours faithfully M. H. M. GARTON, The Old Vicarage, Sulgrave, Banbury, Oxfordshire.

From Mr Peter Dimond Sir, I once had to examine a music candidate offering the bagpipes, in the front room of a small house. Yours faithfully, FETER DIMOND. The Cottage, Claycastle Lane, Haselbury Plucknett. Crewkerne, Somerset, February 9.

HAROLD McCUSKER, MP

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 12: The Princess Royal today opened the new Telford Hospital and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Shropshire (Mr

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, Patron, International Literacy Year 1990, visited the Adult Literacy Open Learning Centre in Rhyl and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieuten-ant for Clwyd (Sir William Gladstone, Bt).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in

gord, diplomat and statesman, Paris, 1754; Lord Randolph

writer of children's verse and stories, London, 1881; Georges

Simenon, writer, creator of Maigret, Liege, 1901.

DEATHS: Catherine Howard, fifth wife of Henry VIII, executed, London, 1542; Benvenuto Cellini, sculptor and goldsmith, Florence, 1571; Jacopo Bassano, painter, Venice, 1592; Cotton Mather, Purior, 1592; Cotton Mather, 1592; Cotton Math

Massachusetts. 1728; Richard Wagner, Venice, 1883; Georges Rouault, Expressionist painter,

Accession of William III and Mary, 1689.

Sir Antony Part

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Antony Part GCB. MBE, will be held at noon on Thursday, February 22, 1990, in St Margaret's Church, West-minster Abbey.

Roger Northcote-

The Memorial Service for Roger

Northcote-Green, Headmaster of Worksop College from 1952 to 1970, will be held at the College at 12 o'clock on Saturday, March 24. All Old Worksopians and friends of the College are most welcome.

Service dinner

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Anniversaries

Today's royal engagements

BIRTHS: John Hunter, physio-logist, and surgeon, East Kil-bride, 1728; David Allan, painter, Alloa, 1744; Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Peri-The Princess of Wales will visit the Weish Porcelain Company, Maesteg at 11.40; will open the George Thomas Scanner Suite at The Princess of Wales Hos-Churchill, statesman, Blenheim Palace, 1849; Feodor Chaliapin, bess singer and actor, Kazan, Russia, 1873; Eleanor Farjeon, pital, Bridgend, Mid Glamor-gan, at 12.40; and attend a rally of school children, supporters of the scanner appeal, at Bridgend Recreation Centre at 2.05.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit Dairy Crest Dairies, Marshfield, near Cardiff, at 10.25; and will open the fund's shop, Unit 8, Beaufort Court, Monmouth, at 12.15. The Duke of Kent, as President of the AA, will attend the official opening of their new Insurance Policy Service Office, Lambert House, Cheadle Hulme, Man-chester, at 12.30; and as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Mirrlees Blackstone (Stockport)

Birthdays today

Dr D.V. Atterton, former chairman, Foseco Minsep, 63; Mr Liam Brady, footballer, 34; Professor Derek Burke, vicechancellor, University of East Anglia, 60; Earl Cadogan, 76; Dr J.P. Clayton, former Apothecary to HM Household at Windsor, 69: Miss M.E. Collins, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 63; Mr Ted Croker, former secretary and chief executive, Foot-ball Association, 66; Dr D.G. Hessayon, horticultural and agricultural author, 62; Professor Lord Lewis of Newnham, warden, Robinson College, Cambridge, 62; Lord Manners, 67; the Earl of Moray, 62; Miss Kim Novak, actress, 57; Mr. Kim Novak, actress, 57; Mr. Leonard Pascoe, cricketer, 40; Lord Peyton of Yeovil, 71; Lord Pym, 68; Mr Oliver Reed, actor, 71st (Yeomanry) Signal
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Lieutenant-Colonel A.P. Verey,
Commanding Officer, 71st
(Yeomanry) Signal Regiment,
and officers of The Essex Yeomanry, The Berishire Yeomanry, The Inns of Court and
City Yeomanry and The Kent
and County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) entertained their Squadron Honorary
Colonels at a dinner given by
their dining club held last night
at the Cavairy and Guards Club
to mark the regiment's 21st year
of formation. Colonel G.S.P.
Carden presided. Among those
present were: 52; Miss Margaretta Scott, actress, 78; Mr George Segal, actor, 56; M Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, author and politician, 66; Dr Donald Sykes, former principal, Mansfield College, Oxford, 60.

Luncheon

The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, Prime Minister of Poland. The other

guesis were: Mr Jacek Ambroziak, Mr Ryszard Wojtkowski, Mr Stephen Barrett and Mr Charles

Dinners

Arbitrators' Company The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Arbitrators' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Colonel William Armstrong Master, presided. Commander Keith Short, Senior Warden, the Lord Mayor, and Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy, also spoke. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner of kenya.
Lord and Lady Porsonby of Shulbrede, Lord Donaldson of Lymington
and Dame Mary Donaldson, Lord end
Lady Goff of Chieveley, Sir Michael
and Lady Kerr. Mr David Hurt. MP.
and Mrs Hunt, Mr Tim Yeo, Or. and
Mrs Yeo. Mr John Phillips, Or. and
Mrs Yeo. Mr John Phillips, Cr. and
Mrs Phillips. Mrs. W Arreston, Cr. and
Mrs Phillips. Mrs. W Arreston.

Cardiff Business Clab Cardiff, Mr Julius Hermer, the High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan, Mr H. John Tamplin; the Chair-man of Mid Glamorgan County Council, County Councillor Mr J.H. Davies; the Permanent Secretary Welsh Office, Sir Richard Lloyd-Jones and The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Cennydd Traberne, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The Guest Speaker was the Rt Hon Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Mr John D. Allen, Chairman, Housing for

pressnit were:
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and D S. Cassilias and Mr S Woods.

Wales, presided. Republicans Abroad (UK) Republicans Abroad (UK), pre-sided at the annual Lincoln's Night dinner held last night at the Marriott Hotel. The Hon William Waldegrave, MP, was the guest speaker. The American Ambassador was among the

Appointments in the Forces

Roddis - Sheffield in Cmd 12.6.90.
COMMANDER: M A Barge - MOD
London 10.7.90: C A Barnacle Beaver 25.6.90: D E P Baston - MOD
Bristol 17.7.90: G S Beard - MOD
Portsmouth 1.6.90: M E W Bush NATO 10.7.90: J K Dobson - MOD
London 31.8.90: S Hulland - MOD
Bath 27.7.90: W D S Kay-Smith Staff of CINICFLEET 8.6.90: M W G
Kert - MOD London 24.7.90: M J
Kackin - MOD London 24.7.90: R J

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J.C. Adams and Miss A-M. Correthers The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr A.D.D. Adams, of Old Windsor, and Mrs E.R. Adams, of Pulborough, and Anne-Marie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Carruthers, of St Marymead, Wargrave. Mr A.E. Forbes

and Miss J.L. Armstrong The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr D.S. Forbes and Mrs Xenia Forbes, of Sydney, Australia, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan E. Armstrong, of

Burios.

M J-M.A.V. Gay and Miss M.L. Kenyon The engagement is announced between Jean-Marie, elder son of Mme Arlette Gay, of Avi-gnon, France, and the late M Paul Gay, and Melanie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Kenyon, of London,

Mr J.J. Morris and Miss E.A. Garling
The engagement is announced
between John Joseph, third son
of Mr and Mrs J.G. Morris,

of Preston, Lancashire, and Elizabeth Anne, younger daugh-ter of Mr M.P. Gatling, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Mrs Gatling, of Mr D.E. Rubinette and Miss A.R. Croft-Murray

WING COMMANDER: G W Commingham - To MOD London 5.2.90: F B Cooper - To MOD OFD London 6.2.90: J Canss - To RMCS Shrivesham 9.2.90; M J Enst - To RAF Odinam 12.2.90; M J Perrett - To MOD AFD 16.2.90.

BRIGADIER: C A Wild RA. 142.90.

The engagement is announced between David Robinette, of Santa Cruz, California, and Rosalind, daughter of the late Mr Edward Croft-Murray and of Mrs Jill Croft-Murray, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr J.E.S. Rostron and Miss M.R.C. Williamson The engagement is announced between Jonathan Rostron, son of Mr and Mrs James Rostron, of Bolton, Lancashire, England, and Monica Williamson, youn-gest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Williamson, of Too-Queensland. Australia.

Mr D.K. Vicker and Miss C.L. Bredenksusp The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr Ken Vickerman and Mrs Eileen Baggs, of Brantford, and Ancaster, Canada, and Caron, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brodenkump, of Knightsbridge. Ambroziak, the Chairman of the Office of the Polish Govern-

Calls for more action against terrorism in Ulster Harold McCusker, the Ulster Unionist MP for Upper Bann

whose forceful, quixotic character added zest to politics in Northern Ireland, died in hospital yesterday at the age of 50. He had been seriously ill with cancer for more than a

McCusker had invigorated the party, which had too often seemed timid and unadventurous, serving as Deputy Leader in the ill-fated Northern Ireland assembly of 1982-

He was impetuous, outspoken and unpredictable. No one articulated more vividly or forcibly the anguish and bitterness of Protestant Ulster as the death toll from terrorism mounted in the 1970s and 1980s. Repeatedly he called for more effective security measures. As an MP he brought home to the House of Commons the deep sense of betrayal which was so widely felt among Ulster Unionists.

At times he appeared to be on the verge of complete despair. Perhaps it was not therefore surprising that he eventually reached the point where he was prepared to consider political changes that were in sharp conflict with orthodox Ulster Unionism. After the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement in 1985 he came to doubt whether Northern ireland could (or should) remain part of the United Kingdom.

From the start, however, there were elements in his personality which disposed him to strike out along independent lines in politics. The most important formative influence on his political character was his working-class upbringing in himself a place on Norther Lurgan, Co. Armagh where he used to the limit of the land's Committee of was born on February 7, 1940. Employment and Training.

He lost his father at an early age, and the family's circum- about McCusker's deep stances thereafter were far from luxurious. In his maiden speech in the Commons he described himself as a Socialist. Such a stance set him apart account be grew up in a mixed with the Government which from the majority of his community where, in his produced an undertaking to



OBITUARIES

Parliamentary colleagues.

James Harold McCusker had a solid grammar school education at Lurgan College, and went on to become a teacher after training at Stranmillis College, Belfast. He found much greater satisfaction, however, he changed careers and became a businessman

He worked briefly in a large building and civil engineering firm and then joined the Goodyear Tyre Company at Craigavon, where he proved an extremely successful train-ing officer (1968-73), earning himself a place on Northern Ireland's Committee on

There was never any doubt attachment to the institutions of Protestant Ulster; he joined the junior Orange Order at the age of about 12. By his own

words, "Protestant and Ro- consider how prices (particuman Catholic children played together." Yet initially be defined his political position in terms that suggested little willingness to compromise.

When in February 1974 the Unionists in Armagh dropped their sitting MP and adopted McCusker in his place, they had one clear aim: to secure a strong champion of their traditional interests. While not disappointing

them in that respect, McCusker also began to show his capacity for springing sur-prises. In March 1979 for instance, it was his task as the Unionist Whip at Westminster to enforce the decision, collectively agreed by his colleagues, to vote against the Callaghan Government and so precipitate a General Election. Instead he entered into independent negotistions produced an undertaking to

larly of energy) in Ulster could be cut. As a result McCusker voted for the Labour Government though without being able to save it.

His volatility increased as the pressures on the Ulster Unionists intensified in the 1980s. After the Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985 he argued strongly against strike action; but he later changed his mind and called for massive pro-

He himself spent four days in prison at the end of January 1987 for refusing to pay his road tax. Within months, however, he was attracting attention as one of the coauthors of an ambitious plan to secure general agreement among all interested parties on an alternative to the Anglo-

McCusker is survived by his

ERIC WIGHAM

Reporting trade union affairs for The Times

Eric Wigham, CBE, who died on February 10, aged 85, was a true gentleman of the press. He was Labour Correspondent of The Times for almost a quarter of a century and has to be counted among the most distinguished occupants of that post. After his retirement in 1969 he continued to write perceptive features on labour relations for the Business Section until the mid-1970s.

He reported trade union affairs, starting on The Manchester Guardian immediately after the war, for nearly 30 years. He was without bile, malice or trickery and was widely respected through-out the Labour movement. Wigham was one of the best

listeners in the business and prided himself on being no conversationalist. He preferred to puff his pipe and contemplate. It was a characteristic that had its advantages. Union leaders who were telephoned found themselves disclosing far more than they intended, simply to fill in the prolonged pauses between his pertinent

Eric Wigham was the son of an Irish father and Yorkshire mother who were Quaker missionaries. He was born in Chungking, China, on October 8, 1904, and although he never returned there he remained especially fond of Chinese food. He attended Quaker boarding schools, took a degree at Birmingham University and in 1925 became a junior reporter in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

During The Second World War be was a war correspondent for *The Observer*. Before the war he had spent most of his time as a reporter for the Manchester Evening

His first book, Trade Unions, was a text book for Oxford University Press. His second, What's Wrong With The Unions (Penguin, 1961)



was sympathetic to the union cause but highly critical of union shortcomings, though employers, 100, received their share of the blame for industrial difficulties.

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Although he recognized in later years that few of his proposals were implemented. he was never cynical. He remained a constructive critic. His sagacity was recognized when he was appointed to be a member of Lord Donovan's Royal Commission on Trade Unions and Employers' Associations, which reported

He was a non-active mem-ber of the Labour Party, then a founder member of the SDP, but he became disillusioned by the break-up of the SDP-Liberal Alliance. After his retirement he selflessly nursed his wife for some years before

Prior to his death he was in his customary good humour and apparently in good health but collapsed while out walking near his home in Kent.

He leaves one daughter, Judith, who lives in America where he happily spent Christ-

GEORGES de MESTRAL

Challenging the supremacy of the zip fastener

cheap alternative to many of clothing. the functions performed by the zip (itself invented by his fellow Swiss, Simon Frey) has died at Commugny, near Geпеva. He was 82.

He first conceived the idea during the Second World War, but it took many more years before Velcro became a practical proposition, and the inventor thereafter had the galling experience of seeing his creation taken up by manufacturers outside Europe and produced much more cheaply than he could.

De Mestral, who came from one of the oldest-established families in the Canton of Vaud, was hunting near his home one day in 1941 when

ing, which has provided a of the burdock weed stuck to buttons, especially for moth-

When de Mestral examined offspring. their structure under a micro- Velcro also came into its scope it became clear to him own in lightweight summer inventor by building an airthat the principle could be raincoats and anoraks where craft at the age of 15, followed that the principle could be duplicated with man-made materials. Thus the concept of surface of nylon mesh, was Nevertheless, it took him a

further 14 years to perfect the idea, so that it could be patented. Commercialization proper

started in the late 1950s, and the new fastening had immense success. It was esclothing where its instant adhesion and quick release

ers struggling with squirming

buttons and button holes create a ready-made weak patch Velcro. in which burr-like for tears to start from. NASA, hooks adhere to a facing too, perceived its qualities, and Velcro was used to fix objects inside the cabin of the Apollo spacecraft which took Neil Armstrong and his the Swiss Society of Engineers companions to the moon.

Velcro did not however. make de Mestral a multimillionaire. After passing into the public domain in the 1960s, it was manufactured pecially useful in children's and sold cheaply in Hong Mestral's own factory, material for ski-suits.

Georges de Mestral, who de-vised the Velcro cling fasten-tenacity with which the burns tive alternative to zips and experienced stiff competition. The experience made him a strong advocate of more eff-

ective patent protection. He began his career as an. by a turbine, gear wheels, the first plastic cartridges and various tovs - all before starting to study hydraulics at the Lausanne Polytechnic,

In 1978, de Mestral was made a member of bonour of and Architects.

More of an inventor than a businessman, he continued to produce original ideas, including, most recently, an asparagus stripper and a new type of hair curler. One of his sons. Kong, and production at de Henri, invented an anti-slip

AVA GARDNER

Pauling Scudamore writes:

Ava Gardner was so much more than a great beauty and a retired film star, and her list of husbands helps somehow to add to a picture of the typical Hollywood spoiled and sultry

and surprising simplicity. One of the most heart-warming things about her was

her almost total lack of egotistical vanity; an example is of the time when she was walking in Oxford with Robert Graves (when he was Professor of Poetry in the Sixties).

Gardner, Professor Tolkien". They shook hands, and he each other's importance!"

though a stroke had left her debilitated and looking far from her former radiant self, she managed to go to Robert's memorial service two years

She and Robert had corre-In fact, she was a woman of sponded for some years, and she cladity presented her letters to St John's College, Oxford, where an archive is being set up of Graves material.

She talked about this to me a few months before her death and once again she showed her diffidence and true humility. Poetry in the Sixties). "Jesus wept," she said in real They met Tolkien; Robert horror, "I know they want introduced them "Miss Ava ROBERT'S letters but mine my poor little illiterate scribbles - and I was often drunk added, wickedly, "And neither in those days which made 'em of you has the slightest idea of even worse. They can't disach other's importance!"

grace the college library with
the Graves family were all
them, can they? It sure makes extremely fond of Ava. Even me squirm with shame.

SCIENCE REPORT

A distant beacon or a light next door?

no idea whether the lights they saw in the sky were dim bodies close by, or much

brighter ones a long way away. For one particular kind of celestial body, modern astronomers are no better off than their forerunners, but in the January 10 issue of the Astrophysical Journal there are two sophisticated papers that try, and fail, to determine if phenomena known as gamma-ray bursts come from objects that are on our doorstep, or as distant as quasars. Some two hundred gamma ray bursts

are now known; they are sporadic bursts of gamma-rays, which are like X-rays but of greater energy, and that is about all that is known.

The one useful fact is that the bursts

are scattered at random across the sky. This rules out the possibility, for instance, that they come from nearby galaxies, which are known to be distributed unevenly, in small groups and clusters.

It would seem also that the bursts cannot be coming from our own galaxy, because we ought to see more of them towards the galactic centre than in other directions. But this is only true if the bursts are bright enough for us to be able to see ones at the distance of the galactic centre; if they are really quite faint, then we would only see very nearby ones, and because the Galaxy in our vicinity is quite uniform, there would be the same

number in all directions. There is only one other possibility: that gamma ray bursts are billions of

Reception

Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, Prime Minister of Poland, attended a

reception given by Sir Sigmund

Sternberg, Convenor of the Re-ligious Press Group, yesterday at the Polish Cultural Institute

for representatives of the re-

director of the institute re-

ceived the guests. The Polish

Ambassador and Mr J

Latest wills

Major Sir Henry David Hard-

ington Bartlett, of Brockley, Suffolk, British Amateur Men's

Fencing Champion 1934-35.

and a member of the Olympic

team in the 1936 Berlin Games,

left estate valued at £148,336

Professor Robert Barer, of Shef-

field, South Yorkshire, for 20

years holder of the Jackson Chair of Anatomy at Sheffield

University, and a well known designer of scientific instruments, who was formerly MO

light-years away. At these extreme distances, the Universe looks the same everywhere, as the uniform distribution

of quasars indicates. But if gamma-ray bursts are as distant as quasars, they have to be as powerful too for us to be able to see them. It is hard to think of an object that can be as bright as a quasar, produce nothing but gamma-rays, and switch on and off in a matter of seconds. Most astrophysicists would therefore like the bursts to be nearby.

One explanation is that the bursts come from neutron stars, the dead remnants of ordinary stars, on to which globs of gas occasionally fall. As the gas smashes at high speed into the neutron stars, a sudden flash of gamma-rays is

Bohdan Paczynski, of Princeton University, and Dieter Hartmann, Richard Epstein and Stan Woosley, from California and Los Alamos, have been trying to test this explanation. If you make some quesses about how neutron stars are born, figure out where they will be after about ten thousand million years (the age of the galaxy), then you can compare the estimated distribution of neutron stars with the observed position of gamma-ray bursts to see if the proposed explanation

The answer from both studies is "maybe". Both Paczynski and Hartmann and his colleagues find that a collection of mature neutron stars could be as uniform as the gamma-ray bursts. More worryingly, the two papers give significantly different answers about

Allied officer to enter the

left estate valued at £170.326

Mr Albert James Sylvester, of

Corsham, Wiltshire, a founder

iat, establish by Lloyd George in 1916, Private Secretary to Lloyd George for 23 years, who, at the age of 86 qualified for the Guinness Book of Records as

what the neutron star distribution is like. Neutron stars, if they are magnetized and spinning, are better known as pulsars, and pulsars fall into two groups; some are fairly sedentary, and move around the Galaxy along with the rest of the stars, but a notable fraction have somehow acquired very high velocities. which have propelled them to considerable distance above and below the disc of the Galaxy.

Paczynski assumes that most neutron stars behave like the slow-moving pulsars, and, in his model, gamma-ray bursts are very close to us. But Hartmann, Epstein and Woosley make the assumption that there must be something odd about the neutron stars that generate gamma-ray bursts, and take the less numerous more distant highvelocity pulsars as being representative of the gamma ray bursts. Their bursts are generally more distant, and thus

orighter, than Paczynski's. But in a year or so the puzzle may be solved. Both the Americans and the Russians plan to launch satellites bearing gamma-ray detectors which should be able to tell from first principles whether the bursts are distributed like the stars in our Galaxy or like the quasars in the distant Universe. Whether this will also show if Pacyznski or Hartmann and his colleagues are closer to the mark is

David Lindley

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with the Welsh Guards in the the world's oldest competitive Guards Armoured Division at ballroom dancer, and as a young man was among the world's fastest Shorthand writers and typists, left estate valued at £301,395 net. the Normandy landings, the Falaise breakout and at Nijmeeen Bridge, and was the first

Mrs Margaret Olivia Tugwell, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £152.306 net. She left £900 and effects to personal legatees, and the residue equally member of the Cabinet Secretar- between the PDSA, RSPCA, and Donkey Sanctuary,

Sidmouth. Margaret Hilda Times, of Hitchin, Hertford-

Church news

Danky, diocese York: to be Vicar, Holy Island, Borwick upon Tweed, diocese Newcastle. The Rev P Scott Anderson, Priest-th-charge. Forest Gate. St. Edmund, diocese Chelmsford: to be Priest-tacharge. Plastow, same diocese. The Rev Ashley Beck. Curate. St. John with St. James. Walham Green, diocese London; to be Senior Curate, St. Gibos. Camberwell, and Curate-in-charge. St. Mantherw's, Camberwell, diocese Southwark. Bonham, Priest-In-Charge. St. Agnest. Spillal, Window. The Rev Frederick T Bonham, Priest-In-Charge. St. Agnes. Spillal, Window. diocese. St. Green, St. Spillal, Window. The Rev Roger J Caswell. Team Vicar, In the Curawlery teem, diocese Chich-talleliamenton and Wicksteam, same diocese. The Rev John A Chercenson, Vicar. Littlehampton and Wick team, same diocese. The Rev John A Cheesenam, vicer. Christ Church. Leyton, diocese Creimsford: to be Vicar. St. James's, westpate, diocese Canterbary. The Rev Anthony E H Clayton, Rector. High Framland parishes, diocese Leicester: to be also Rural Dean of Framland, same diocese. The Rev Nick L Cook. Chapiain. The Rev Nick L Cook. Chapiain. Leicester 1898. Cook. Chapiain. Leicester 1898. Leicester diocese. The Rev Nick L Cook. Chapiain. Realth Service Unit. Leicester Health Authority, same diocese. The Rev Romaid T Cook. Assistant Curale. St Barnabes, Northold Park. diocese London: to be Chapiain to HM Prison. Brundeston. diocese Norwich. The Rev Michael A Craggs. Rector. Corby Saints Peter and Andrew w Great and Little Caskey. diocese Peterborotich: to be dio Rural Dean of Corby, same diocese. Great and Littie Caskey. diocese Peterborough: to be also Rural Dean of Corby, same diocese
The Rev David Evans. Rector, St. Mary the Viron, Puriey-on-Themes, diocese Oxford: to be Rector, St. Mary the Viron, Puriey-on-Themes, diocese Carford: to be Rector, St. Mary, Brysmaton Square, and also Priest-in-Corp. The Rev Canon John Foreier, Rector, Plasance, and Archdeacon of Demerara, diocese Cayana: to be Vicar, St. Michael, Bedford, diocese St. Albans, The Rev John C. B. Hall-Maitmews, Vicar, St. Paul, Tupsley, diocese Hereford: to be Team Rector, Wolver-hambton team, diocese Lichaled.

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The Rev John C. B. Hall-Maitmews, Vicar, St. Paul, Tupsley, diocese Canlerboard, and Sportsbillites, and diocese Centemsford: The Rev Lettin A. Hawkes. Team Rector, Southend team, diocese Centemsford: The Rev Fettin A. Hawkes. Team Rector, and Rector, the Chaplain of Participal College. The Rev Wolterion, Little Barningham, Interiopham and Edgeffeld. same diocese. The Rev Hitary Johnson, Non-silpendiary minister, Christ the King, Saifords, diocese Southwark: to be Chaplain. St. George's Hospital, Tool-tin, same diocese.

The Rev Michael D B Lewis, Chaplain, and diocese Callidford: Callidford Colleges, Hagwards, Heath, did the Participal of the Participal Callidford Callidford. The Rev Callidford Callidford Callidford. The Rev Callidford Callidfo John the Evangelist, ren to the Head of Guildford. The Rev Colin J Matthews. Head of Bible Use, Department of Scripture Union, diocese Callidford to be Director, St Saviour's Church Centre, Guildford, same giocese. The Rev Alister J McCulloch, Assistant Curale, The Cathedral Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, diocese Portsmouth: to be Assistant Curale, St Mary, Portse, same diocese.

Mary and All Saints, washen oran-ires, and discuss.

The Rev Ron F Robinson, Rector, St Mary, Rowner, Gosport, diocese Portsmouth; to be Vicar, St Mark, North End, Portsmouth, same diocese. The Rev Jonathan Russoll, Vicar, Seiling w Throwies and Sheidwich w Badisynery w Leaveland, diocese Cambridge of the Sheidwich of Sheidwich w

diocese.
The Rev Geoffrey Williams, Curate, St.
The Rev Geoffrey Williams, Curate, St.
Augustine's, Wembley Park, diocese
London: to be Vicar, St. Margaret the
Oueen. Streatham, diocese South-

Resignations and retirements The Rev Eric Alder, Vicar, Woodnesborough w Worth and Sta-ple, diocase Captestury; to retire as from 30 April.

Church in Wates Diocese of Swansea & Brecon Ulocese of Swansea & Brecon
The Rev Canon Dr David C Weiker.
Precentor of Brecon Cathedral to be
Chanceller of the Cathedral.
The Rev Canon Donaid E
Rector of the Collegiste and Parish
Church of St Mary. and Rural Dean of
Swansea. to be Precentor of Brecon
Cathedral.
The Rev David E Morris. Vicer of
Pentilergaer w Pontiliw. and Rural
Dean of Liwchwr, to be a residentiary Penliergaer w Ponilijiw. an Dean of Liwchwr, to be a rest Canon of Brecon Cathedral. The Rev Eric M Wastell. Vic Cabriel, Swarper Diocese of Monmouth The Rev David George Brunning, Rural Deam of Pontypeoi and Vicar of Pontnewydd, to be Rector of the benefice of Panage Pippen, Vicar of Christoturch, Newport, to be Rector of the rectorial benefice of Pontypool.

Diocese of Bangor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is not one who is 'Yes' and 'No'. On the contrary ne is God's 'Yes': for it is he who is the 'Yes' to all God's 2 Coriminans 19.20. BIRTHS

INTILEY-SMATHS - February
10th, to Judith Patricia (nee
Nayiori and Robert, a
daughter (Mary) Ellen, a
sister for John Robert,
CHAMBERH-AIN
February 10th, at The
Portland Hospital, to Cecilia
(née Law) and James, a
daughter, Natasha,
BICKIRS - On February 9th
1990, in Oxford, to Jane (nee
Bacom) and Alan, a son,
Matthew Charles Fitzalan, a
brother for William.

DURANT - On February 10th

brother for William.

DURANT - On February 10th
1990. to Mark and Alson
(née Brosler). Identical twin
daughters. Louise Rose and
Claire Sophie, at Cuckfield
Riccottal. West Supers.

GALE - On February 8th, at
The Portland Hospital, to
Flona and Siephen, a
daughter. Georgia Lauren, a
sister to Max.

MARKNESS - On February 6th

sister to Max.

HARKNESS - On February 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Tessa (nie Wyall) and Bill. a Son. Jack. a brother for Simon James and Joanna HENDERSON - On February 8th 1990, to Camilla and Shamis, a daughter.

KATZ - On February 9th 1990, to Vanessa une Mooni and Kenny. a daughter.

KATDYD Michelle (Katy).

LOYD - On February 8th, at LOYD - On February 8th, at The Portland Hospital, to Anabel and David, a son . Anabel and David. a son.

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1990. to Suste (née
Scaramanga) and Francis, a
daughler. Araminta
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MACNAMARA - On February
12th 1990, to Clare (nee
Asquith) and Rory, a
daughter. Katherine.
MANN - On February 7th, at
Queen Charlotte's Hospital.
to Caroline (nee Boam) and
Nick, a daughter. Sophie
Davisline.
MENZES - On Saiurday
February 10th 1990, to
Lizzie and Graeme, a
daughter. Lucy Lorna, a
sister for James and Emity.
MERRICK - On February 8th,
at The Norfolk and Norwich
Hospital, to Janice (nie
Pooley) and David, a
daughter, Arnella Grace, a
sister for Harriet.

OBSERS - On February 9th, at

sister for Harriet.

GBGERS - On February 9th, at
St Peler's Hospital. Sheplon
Mallet. to Rosalie tnee
Copper) and David, a son.
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brother for Alix.

PARKER - On February 9th
1990, to Geraldine tnee
Carey) and Philip, a son.
Thomas Alexander, a
brother for Cella and Lucy.

POTTER - On February 10th
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Hanson) and Jeff, a son.
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REEVE-TUCKER

February 6th, to Philippe (nee Thompson) and David, a daughter. Arabella Rose.

CALLED - On January 5151

1990, in New York, to Helen (nee Davies) and Alien, a daughter, is she Amory, a sister for Adelaide and Alexander.

SAMPSON - On February 12th, to Louise (nee Dickinson) and Simon, a daughter.

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All-MEES - On February 7th 1990. to Marian theo Osullivan) and Mike. a designer. Emma Jane.

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Language - On February 9th in Ceneva. Switzerland. to Emma (nea Hooper) and Mark. a son. Frederick Hugh.

SMITH - On February 9th 1990. to Clare (nee Roope) and Simon. a son. Jack (Alan Jack David).

WELLS - On February 11th. al

Jack David.

WELLS - On February 11th. at The Portland Hospital, to Rebecca (nee Freeman) and Christopher. William. a brother for Thomas.

YORNE - On February 11th 1990, in Hong Kong. to Wendy (nee Freer-Smith) and Jeff, a daughter. Anna Louise, a sister for Sarah Jane.

DEATHS

ASHFORD - On Saturday
February 10th, at East
Dulwich Hospital, Nichotan
Honry, Darting histband of
Guilliana, dearly loved
father of Dominique and
much loved son of Angus and
Betly and his brother Robert.
Funcral on Friday February
16th at 11.30 am at the Hoop
Lane Crematorium, Golders
Green, No flowers please, but
donations to Ruskin Ward.
East Dulwich Hospital.
London SE22.

FEB 13

S. D. S. R. A. W.

Daniel O'Connell (1775-1847), "the Liberator", was indicted for seditious

conspiracy, a proceeding approved by The Times which loathed him. In the

event the verdict of guilty was overturned on appeal in the House of Lords. The paper chartered a special steamer to bring over the trial reports — compiled by a young Irishman, William Howard Russell.

IRELAND

THE STATE TRIALS

(PROM OUR OWN REPORTERS)

Subsequent to the despatch of The

Times Express Extraordinary last

night, great excitement prevailed throughout Dublin, and dense masses

throughout Dublin, and dense masses of people of the lowest order were congregated in the streets in the immediate neighbourhood of the courts, around which a crowd had stationed itself, apparently with a determination to stay out the whole night Beauthal the tarrific well outside

determination to stay out the whole night. Beyond the terrific yell outside the court which greeted the first announcement of the verdict, there was no manifestation of any attempt at riot or disturbance; on the contrary, taking the occasion into

consideration, there was a remark-

able silence observed up to between 2 and 3 o'clock, by which time all was

perfectly tranquil. Large bodies of mounted and foot police continued to

patrol the streets during the whole

night. The troops in garrison were under arms yesterday evening in case their services should be required, but

the civil force was found, from the

circumstances stated, to be perfectly

DUBLIN, FEBRUARY 11.

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BARK - On February 9th,
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BRAYEROOKE - On February
12th. Henry Seymour
Nevalle. Lord Braybrooke. In
his 94th year. peacefully at
Bruncketts. Much loved as
husband, father and
grandfather. The funeral
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BUFFEY - On February 11th
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Rogers), peacefully after
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Wells. Beloved wife of the
late Brigadter William
Buffey, darling mother of
Ann and Jane and granny of
Caroline, Catherline, Serah,
Richard, William and
Purick. Private cremation.
Thanksgiving Service at 12
noon on Tuesday February
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Groombridge, Donations if
maired to \$1 John's Church.
Groombridge, Cyo the Vicar.
The Rectory, Southfields
Boad, Speidhurst, Keitt.

BURHOP - On February 6th. peacefully in Malaga, Spain, after a brief illness, Winfired ids (Winnie), formerly of The Barbican, ECI. Widow of the late Professor Eric Burhop, beloved mother of Graeme, Ian and Annaises, Funeral Service at Golders Green Cremalocium on Monday February 19th at 10 am. 12th 1990, suddenly at home. Edmund Paul, aged 63. Funeral to be arranged, family only.

family only.

CASTLE - On February 8th
1990, at Carrett House.
Aldeburgh, Geoffrey Lloyd.
Betoved and devoted
husband of Margery
thiargery Sharp). Cremation
will take place at Inswich
Crematorium. West Chapel.
on Wednesday February
14th at 11 am. No flowers.
but donations would be weinations would be wel-comed by Pro Corda, Leiston Abbey, Suitotk, c/o Tony Brown, The Funeral Par-lour, Saxmundham, Suifotk.

lour, Saxmundham, Sulfolk.

CHAMBERH AYNE — On Sunday February 11th 1990.

Margaret Prances (Pearl). aged 99 years and 10 months. Wife of the late Tankerville Chamberlayne of Cranbury Park. Winchester. Eldest and last surviving child of Robertson Fuller Bertram of High Constants. Cape. Mother of Penelope and grandmother of Alexander. Diana. Frances and Tots. Funeral Service at St. Matthew's Church. Otterbourne. on Wednesday February 14th at 11 am

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JONES - On February 12th.
pescefully in Surbiton.
Frances Molly, aged 78
years, widow of Harry and
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Diana and Christopher and
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1990, peacefully at home. Chrotu. Loving father of Pierre and Cheryl, husband of Marina and formerly to Ameria. Funeral on Thursday February 18th. religious service at home at 2.30 pm. Cremation at Southwest Crematorium. Hourslow Road. Harnworth, Michigaez. at 3.45 pm.

ANSDORM - On Femiliary 8th. Anthony (Tony), aged 87. Much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Si Peter's Church. Walton Road, East Molesey. 2 pm Friday February 16th. Friday February 16th.

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MAXWELL - On January 25th, in Ourban, Lyon Hyslop (Weary), aged 84, of Harare, late of W.A. & G. Maxwell, Liverpool.

suddenly bul peacefully. Daphne Veronica, much loved mother and grandmother. Puneral Service on Priday February 16th at 81 Prier's Church, Hascombe at 3 o'clock. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The Coeliac Society. PO Box 181. London NW2 20Y, or to the Anna Fund (326138). Tutton Street. SW1.

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Michael. Summerlown. Oxford. on Friday February 16th at 3 pm.

STEER WATKING. - On February 10th. Philip Faulkner Steer Watkins. aged 79 years. Dear husband of iris and father of Martin. The funeral takes place at Cultivard Crembioriour on Thursday February 16th at 12.30 pm. No flowers. donations if desired to Strikla Rheumalism and Arthritis Association.

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remains perfectly tranquil.

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The second count is the same as the first omitting the overt acts.
The third sets out the meetings for seditions and unlawful purposes; and the fourth the conspiracy to excite discontent and disaffection in the army.

The fifth the conspiracy to bring into hatred and contempt Her Majesty's Government; and the sixth to procure changes in the Government and constitution by means of

intimidation.

The seventh is the same as the sixth, adding the charge of attempting to procure a dissolution of the

legislative union.
The eighth, ninth and tenth set out the attempt to disparage the tri-bunals consituted for the administration of Justice; and the eleventh, by means of intimidation causing large means of management causing large numbers of persons to assemble, and having addressed them in seditions and inflammatory speeches; also the publication of matter intended to effect a change in the constitution... ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Floral Bouquet for Chanel

Why the star of a new French

film had no trouble choosing her wardrobe

hen the French actress Carole Bonquet began working on her latest film role, as Florence, the beautiful wife in Bestrand Blier's award-winning film Trop Belle Pour Toil (opening in London on March 2), she had a clear idea of the clothes

her character would wear.

"She had to look chic but
understated," she says. "She
had to wear pale colours to
look vulnerable. She is nothing like me, not my style at all, but I was able to pull bits and pieces together for her from thy own wardrobe."
The fact that Bouquet, with

her classic good looks and sleek waterfall of glossy, dark hair, is the beauty who emscent in the world, Chanel No 5, means that the clothes from which she chose her screen wardrobe happened to be mostly Chanel. They certainly convey understated chic. assured yet seductive. There are no aggressive angles in a wool bouclé cardigan suit, with or without the traditional ton of pearls. This is the uniform that suggests racy silk underwear worn beneath sur-face respectability. Like Coco Chanel, Bouquet understands

the power of dress.
Her pale, uncluttered apartment on the Left Bank testifies to her enjoyment of luxurious simplicity, with comfortable wide sofas covered in white linen, and no paintings to punctuate the whiteness of the walls, only flowers, casually massed on an orderly desk. She lives with the photographer Francis Giacobetti, and their two sons, Dimitri, aged eight, and two-year-old Louis.

She loves the freedom and luxury afforded by her Chanel clothes, which she mixes with comfortable corduroy trousers



Five star: Carole Bouquet in Chanel tweed jacket; 26 Old Bond St, W1; 31 Sloane St, SW3

sock visible between turn-up and crocodile Chanel loafers. Unlike Inès de la Fressange who, until her spectacular and

public bust-up with Kari Lagerfeld, the designer at Chanel, appeared fused in style with Chanel herself, Bou-

and blue jeans, inches of red sock visible between turn-up closet, you find Chanel and crocodile Chanel loafers. clothes, but on me they look completely Carole Bouquet,"

"I feel lost in anything fussy.
I forget who I am." So, no bows or take gardenias; in-stead of the uniform ropes of quet never pushes the look too fake pearls and jewel-studded clearly far. She is not paid to be a chains, Bouquet prefers the only

yellow sapphires, citrines, that match the sparkle of her green eyes, and the discreet 18th-century jewellery she collects, much of it bought at S.J. Phillips in Bond Street, or in the Burlington Arcade, on her frequent visits to London.

Her taste in scent is just as clearly defined. "It belongs only to me," she says.

ony fragrance created in 1977. was an early favourite. When she was picked by Jacques Polge, Chanel's perfumer, in 1987 to be the face to relaunch No 5 in its new, lighter eau de parfion guise, he made a special formula for her, a little

ighter and more floral. Among the foot-high bottles of Chanel No 5 that dominate her all-white bathroom are a few stray flasks from Penhaligon, Trumpers, Annouk Gontal, and even a bottle of Lander's White Linen. "They all belong to Francis," she says

 The fashionable, natural look in make-up, as dem-onstrated here on Carole Bouquet by her visagiste, Jacques Clemente, is as much the product of powder and paint as any artificial mask, and needs twice the skill in application. To help customers achieve such flawless perfection, Chanel is bolding a series of two-bour beauty seminars at Selfridges, In-dividual skin analysis is followed by instructions on how to apply the natural-looking make-up. The booking fee is £10, redeemable against any purchase of a Chanel product after the class. To enrol, telephone the Chanel consultant at Selfridges (01-629 1234). Chanel Beauty Semi-nars will be held from March 1-10 at 10.30am-12.30pm and 2.30-4.30pm on weekdays, 10.30am-12.30pm only on Saturdays, with an additional evening class on Thursdays (March I and 8) at 6-8pm. • That Coco Chanel could

stand for nine hours at a stretch to fit, tweak, rip and coax a collection into shape, without eating, drinking or going to the lavatory, and that she kept her hat on even when taking a bath, are among the intimate details revealed in a new book, Chanel m'a dit (Editions Lattès, 85 francs). Written by Lilon Marquand, a former interpolier with former journalist with L'Express, sister of the actor Christian Marquand, and the conturier's right-hand woman and confidente from 1954 to 1971, it covers the years between the comeback collection shown on February 5 (that lucky number 5 again), 1954, when Chanel was 70, to

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Above: Side-draped white cotton jersey vest, £80; matching skiri, £120, John Galitano. Gilt bangles, £198, Butler & Wilson. Gold pendant, £105, Robert Lee Morris for Donna Karan at Browns, £3-27 South Molton Street, W1; &c Sloane Street, SW1

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stantly recognizable among fashion enthusiasts around the signer of the Year award. world, Galliano has moved on to the international map by defecting from London to join the group of design stars who Louvre next month.

When Galliano cuts cloth, basic wardrobe was to parade nothing is ever as simple as it seems. "Nothing is flat," he explains. "There must be a pants, satin boxer shorts, third dimension." So Galliano pushes the arc of a bias cut a few degrees further than most. A sleeve curves like a comma. and wanted to show it was A "blown-away" collar rises in cool to mix pieces of Galliano a burst of folds from a flat tailored jacket. He describes the cut of one of his flattering, high-waisted skirts as "a figure of eight". Many Times readers of eight". Many Times readers the essence of my line."
will remember an exclusive Backed by Peder Bertelsen,
Galliano knitting pattern a
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With a few simple strokes in cotton and Lycra, Galliano has distilled his technically last led a new collection of sportswear reaching the shops now. The new line introduces his distinctive March 13.

boast a handwriting so distinctive that even when simplified to the outline of a plain white T- shart, a sharp-angled, bias-cut skirt in a range of swimsuits, cotton jersey skirts and flared shorts, known designers' idiosyn-cracies, as I do during many of baggy cotton jersey shorts, the interminable waits for swimming trunks and T-shirts for men, plus full-length towelling robes, beachbags, shoulder trapeze? Lacroix, of complete the collection. Colshirt with a ruffle or two? and red, plain or striped.
Ungaro. A laced-front bustier Swimsuits for women, matt,
inset in a T-shirt? Just one of a draped and taut, also come in a choice of navy, green, turquoise, aubergine and blue. Galliano's technical skills

the notice of the fashion world long before he graduated from St Martin's School of Art in 1984. In 1987 he won the British Fashion Council's De-

too off-beat to integrate into a breastplates and tribal headwraps. "I have always treated clothes irreverently, Of his new collection.
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Nettonel Theore (Lyttellon), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252), Tube: Waterioo. Tonight and tomorrow 7.30pm, £7-£15.50. In repertoire. (D)

& HANGOVER SQUARE: Adaptition of Patrick Hamilton's measure to the set on the see of the Second World Wer, with two actresses playing the role of the heroina. Lyric Studio Thestre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311), Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Set 8pm; mat Set 4.30pm, 26.

→ A LITTLE NIGHT MUBIC: Dorothy Tutin, Peter McEnery, Susan Hampshire, in Sondheim's elegant and touching musical. Last week. Piccadilly Theatre, Derman St. W1 (01-887 1118). Tube: Piccadilly Circus, Mon-Set 7.45pm; mets Tues and Set 3pm,

* OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD: Triple award-winning play by Timberlake Wertenbaker, set in New South Wales vverterbare, set in rew South Wales
200 years ago where a batch of convicts
are ordered to become actors.
Semick Theatre, Channg Cross Rd,
EC2 (01-379 8-107), Tube: Lincester Sq.
Mon-Thurs 8-10-20pm, Fri and Sat 8,1510.35pm; mats Fri and Sat 5-7/20pm,
E7.50-215.

& SHIRLEY VALENTINE PEUM WILCOX in Willy Russell's award-winning one-woman play in which a domestic worm woman play it which a comestic worms triumphantly turns. Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 5122). Tube: Leloester Sq. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm; mata Sat 5-7.15pm and Thurs 3-5.15pm, 25-£14.

th WHALE: Maggie Steed, June Watson, Toyah Wilkox, Emil Wolk lead a large cast playing whales, insit gods and heroes in David Holman's new play hallowed Theame (Lymbon), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252), Tube: Waterloo, Today 10.30am, and 12.30pm, under 18 23.50, others 28.50.

OUT OF TOWN

SIRMINGHAM: & Summer of the revival of Ray Lawler's summer of crisis for the two cane-cutter heroes; the first play from Down Under to be staged in London's West End. Imperiory Thesite, Broad St (021 235 4456), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £4.60-£12.50.

LIVERPOOL: & Tons of Money: Ayokbourn's NT version of the Aldwych farce in which very complicated problems follow a scheme to grab an

nnernance. Playhouse, Williamson Sq (051 709 8363), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4pm, £1-£7.50. PLYNOUTH: & Sings Sales Arms
Cartert. Neil Stacy and Cavid Horovhich
in touring production of Alan Bennett's
Burgess/Blunt double-bill.
Theatre Royal, The Drum (0752
668595), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat
2.30pm, 28.50-£10.50.

FILMS

Also on national release a Advance beoking possible BLACK RAIN (18): Crime story by director Ridley Scott about a hardbold New York cop (Michael Douglas) pursuing a Japanese gangster through Osaks. With Andy Garcia and Ken Takakura (125 min). Camnon Baker Street (01-835 9772). Progs 2.10, 5.30, 8.10. Late Fri and Sat 11.00.

11.00. Cannon Funes flood (01-570 2838), Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00. Empire (01-200 0200), Progs 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30. Late Fri and Set 11.15. Whiteleys (01-792 3303), Progs 1.00, 3.45, 6.30, 8.15.

E CASUALTIES OF WAR (18): American structure in Ventrum, viewed thoughtfully by director Brian De Palma; with Michael J Fox as the soldier standing apart from the brutal artics of Sean Perm (114 mln).
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644), Progs 8.40.
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Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12-55, 3-25, 8.05, 8-35.

A DRY WHITE SEASOM (15): Powerful aparthed thriller (from André Brink's novel), with Donald Sutherland as a mild schoolteacher whose conscione is finally stirred. Directed by Euzhan Palcy; with a jucy cameo from Marion Brando (108 min).

with a juscy carried from Marion Branco (108 min). Cannon Chelses (01-351 1026). Progs 1.35, 4.15, 7.15, 9.40. Cannon Fusen Rused (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15. Curzon West End (01-439 4806). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40. Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.50, 6.20, 8.45.

JESUS OF MONTHEAL (18): At updated version of a Pa Strained satirical fireworks from Denye Arcand, Curadian cardiar of The Decline of the American Empire (120 min)

Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40. Camdon Plaza (01-485 2443). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40. Gate (01-727 4043). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

LOCK UP (18): Sylvester Stalione trying to soft-pedal the brutality and brawn as a model prisoner faced with an untunged and vengeful warden (108

Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.40, 3.15, 5.50, 8.25. Odeon Kensington (01-602 6844). Progs 1.00, 3.85, 6.10, 8.45. Carnon Prince Chartes (01-437 8181). Progs 1.10, 3.20, 5.45, 8.20.

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Barbican virtuosity

In terms of executive skill, Martha. Argerich (right) is one of the most formidably equipped pianists of her generation, though it has often been said that her brilliance is not always employed with enough discrimination. Certainly, given her dazzling virtuosity, it is a surprising venture for her to join Mischa Maisky at the Barbican Centre tonight in a selection of Beethoven's lesser works for cello and plane. There is, indeed, a remarkably symmetrical proisting of two souates, and two sets of variations, both the latter on themes from Mozart's Die Zauberflöte. The sounts are the Op 5 pair, the Mozart's themes are Ein Müdchen oder Weidchen and Bei Minnern Welche Liebe fithlen, and Beethoven wrote all this music in 1796. Having first played in public in her native Buenos Aires in 1946 at the age of five, Miss Argerich arrived in Europe in 1955, and studied with Michelangeli and Friedrich Gulda among others. By the time of her UK debut in November 1964 she had several important com-petition successes behind her, ncluding the Busoni. Following that London concert she won, in March 1965, the Seventh International Chopin competition in Warsaw, and since then her career has been international. Touight, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.15pm, £5-£12.50. Max Harrison



Symmetrical: Martha Argerich performs at the Barbican Centre tonight

III WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15): Engaging romantic comedy, with filling Crystal and Meg Ryan as protestional Manhattanites who gradually full for sach other. Written by Nora Ephron, directed by Rob Reiner (95 min). Camen Chabes (01-352 1090). Project 140, 4, 07, 20, 9, 45. 1.40, 4.00, 7.20, 9.45. Odeon Kenangson (01-502 0644/5). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.25, 8.55. Late today,

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CONCERTS

* TRACE SCHUBERT: John Fornier conducts the RCM Simonetts in Schubert's Symphony No 4 "The Tragio," Brahms's Violin Concerto (Gine McCormack, soloist) and Beethoven's Leonore Overhure No 1. Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Rd, London SW7 (01-589 3843), 7pm, Iree.

* SAMDERLING SOUNDS: The LPC II to Sandes Lind sounds: The LPO is conducted by Kurt Sanderling in Haydn's Fedelar Premietz Overture and C major Cello Concerto (soloist, Lynn Harrell), these being followed by Shostskovich's Symptony No 15. Pestival Hait, South Bank, London SE1 (01-828 8800), 7:30-9:20pm, 63-820.

to MARC MUSIC: The American soprano Alessandra Marc sinos Llode by Bratims and Richard Syrauss, a les by Beethoven, Wagner, Suppé and Lehar. Wigssore Hall, 36 Wigmore St. London Wi (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, a few seets

A SALONEN/HEINER ES Prictor Stanting than Symphony Orchestra in Nielsen's Missicarade Overture, Haydin's C major Cello Concerto (Ulrich Heinen, soloss), and Sibulius's Lumminkahum

Legends. Town Hall, Birmingham, 7.30pm, 23.60-& COMEN CONCERT: The Working Raymond Cohen interprets Vitali's Chaconne, Arnold's Five Pieces, Sarassate's Carmen Fantasy, aonates by Debussy, Delius and Beethoven. Anthra Rael is at the plano.

\$1 John's, Smith Sq. London SW1 (01-222 1081), 7.30pm, 24-27.

* ZOHAR/ROTEM-NELKUM: Wendy Zohar (violin) and Ora Rotum-Nelleum (peans) present Bartok's Rhapsody Mo 1, Stravinsky's Duo Concertante,

Kodály's Adaglo, Paul Ben-Chaim's immoduction and Disnou and three Songe without Words. Laighten House, 12 Holland Park Rd, London W14 (01-455 7432), 7.30pm, 24,

the MARKELL DANCE MIRSIC: The plantst Richard Deering lets us hear Barrell's Tanzanusk Op 33, Camillier's Naths, Wason's Incanabula, Scriuman's Bagstelles, Kernan's Eaglet, Stile's Equinox and other places. British Music Information Centre, 10 Strasford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567), 7-30pm, free.

& ARNALDO COHEN: Spormored by Firmtrex, this planest plays Liszt's Sorente and Sonetto del Patrarca 104, Schumann's Fantasty Op 17 and Arabsoque Op 15.

Carean Elizabeth Hell, South Bank, London SE1 (01-925 8800), 7.45pm, £8-

O SOUTHERN ARTS SIMPSOME THE DE Citwic Trio give the world premiere of Robert Simpson's Southern Arts-funded Pisno Trio. Fore and aft: Haydn's Trio Hob XV/25 and Dvořák's Trio Dy 95. Turner Sims Concert Half, Southampton University, Southampton (0703 671771), Spm, £4.50.

the NNOCENT CORDINE Torke's
Ceremony of Imacence is heard from
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dense Plano Trio, Serruel Barbar's
inconsequential Summar Music and the inconsequential Summer Musical world premiers of Augusta Read Thomas's Aria.

From Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8pm, 53-58.

OPERA

& LA PORZA DEL DESTINO: NOW production for Soutist Open by Elijah Moshinsky is conducted by John Maucen, with Vardi's original Prelude and final sound. 6.45-10.30pm, £3-£25.50.

* PRINCE IGOR: Andrei Serban's new and exprisingly unspectscular production for the Poyel Opera is obsertibles and standards summi nevertheless outstandingly sung by a largely Russian and Eastern European cast, conducted with conviction by Semand Haltine. Covered Garden, London, WC2 (01-240 1066), 8.30-11pm, 24-290.

A LUCIA DI LAMBETMOOR: Opera 80's new travelling production by Staphen Unwin is conducted by Ivor Botton, with Linda Clemens in the title

Everymen Theatre, Regent St. Chettenham (0242 572573), 7.30-10pm, PA 50-210.50.

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ROCK

* THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS: Bright. the Thirth widelt Bis GLANTS: single, buzzy, eccentric Brooklyn duo of John Fansburgh and John Linnell. Renowned for their hyperactive arty videos, and dispanate variety of sounds, they come across, on occasions, like Jonathan Richman on uppers.

Burberries, 220 Broad St, Birmingham (021 643 1500), 8pm, 23.

ix GLANT SAND: Gutterist and singer Howe Gelb ventures out of his Mojave desert home, touting a uniquely hard-balad variant of garage roots-rock with a nightmansh sting in its tall. The Sand's shifting line-up custerity incorporates drammer Jon Convertino, bassist Mark Walton (ex-Oream Syndicate) and keyboardist Chris Cacavas (ex-Green On Red).

Subteranie, 12 Acidem Rd, London W10 (01-961 5490), 7.30pm, 25. * VAN MORRISON: "Whenever God Shines his Light", the dust with Curi Richard, was his first Top 40 hit since the bad old days with Them.

SECC, Finnieston St, Glasgow (041 248 3000), 7pm, £10.

& FURNITURE: They had a solitary success in 1996 with "Brilliant Mind", and are now hoping to make a belated compback with the forthcoming album Food. Sex & Paranole.

Duchess of York, 71 Vicar Lane, Leeds (0532 453929) 7.30pm, 23.

DANCE

* LA TRAVIATA: Andre Prokovsky's Key Theatre, Palarborough (0735 52439), 7.30pm, £7.

★ ST GEORGE: Dance Theatra piece The Place, Dukes Rd, London WC1 (01-387-0031), 8pm, 26.

JAZZ

& THE NATURE OF HOPKINS: An evening of jazz and poetry from plantst Stan Tracey and actress Irene Kyffin, Inspired by the work of Gerard Menley

Hocking, The Studio, University of Warwick Arts Centre, Gibbet Hill Hd, Coventry (1203 417417/414924), 7.45pm, 24.50.

★ IRENE REID: Bluesy, Dinah Washington-tinged selections from the new Birdiand album, The Lady From Savannah. Adept backing from the trio led by organist Mike Carr. The support slot is occupied by the Danish band, Page Che

Page One. Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St. London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, 210 (members £2). To Feb 24. * HOWARD RILEY: The second night

of the planist's "Project" residency finds him in the uncompromising company of bassist Paul Rogers and drummer Tony Levin.

Vortex Jazz Bar, 139 Stoke Newington Church St, London N16 (01-254 6516), 8.30pm, £3.

O BRIAN ABRAHAMS'S DISTRICT SUC Their letest album, Ingome Yabantwar is an unpersuasive attempt to balance avant-garde textures with more accessible township melodies. 190 Club, 100 Oxford St. London W1

GALLERIES

DELICIOUS SOLITUDE Charcos drawings by John Hubbard and photographs by Paul Joyce of 19th century sub-tropical gardens in Dorset and the Scilly Isles. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, London Stri (01-928 3002), daily 10am-10pm, free, until April 13.

DENNIS CASE RELD: Churcoal drawings of all 26 of England's medieval cathedrals, the result of an Arts Council connession. Bury St Edmande Art Gallery, Market Cross (9284 62081), Tues-Sat 10.30em-4.30pm, free, until March 4.

AIDS AND NOSODY WANTS TO KNOW: Drawings and paintings by Diana Camden Aris Centre, Arkwright Rd, London NW3 (01-435 2543), Mon-Fri 10.30am-5.30pm, Sat-Sun noon-5pm, free, until Feb 25.

MAURIZIO NOCHETTE TWO ulations incorporating leasers by an itian conceptual artist. Echand Total Callery, 13 Old Burlington St. London W1 (01-734 0343), Mon 2-6pm, Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 11am-1pm, free, until March 3.

ELSE HENDERSON (1880-1967): Paintings, drawings and prints, many depicting enimals, by an accomplished, peculiarly English ertist of the Inter-wer

years. Saily Humler Fine Art, 11 Halkyn Arcade, Motcomb St, London SW1 (01-235 0934), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, free, until March 2.

CONRAD ATICINSON: New works by an artist whose prints, colleges, paintings and tableaux comment — often ntroversially — on current political

Anne Berthoud Gellery, 10 Clifford St, London W1 (01-437 1645), Mon-Frt 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until March 10.

F.E. McWILLIAM: Mußberry wood sculptures, 1988-89, by the surrealist whose eightieth birthday retrospective was held last year at the Tate, The Mayor Gaffery, 22a Cork St, London W1 (01-734 3558), Mon-Frl 10am-5.30pm, Set 10am-1pm, free, until March 10.



libe cartoon a Piague by Charles Burns (above) forms part of a new exhibition opening today at the Swiss Cottage Library in London (see Other Events). Organized by Camden Arts and Entertainments and Escape Magazine, the exhibition highlights the revolutionary changes in adult comics and graphic novels over the last few years. Original artwork and printed extracts will be on display, there will be talks and workshops and, from time to time, a chance to meet some of the leading artists.

WALKS -

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES TRAIL OF MYSTERY: Meet Baker Street tube, 10.30am, £3.50 (01-937 4281). THE BURIED CITY - LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: Meet Blackfriars tube, 11.30am, £3.50 (01-937

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College London, Gower St, London WC1, 5.30pm, free. ICA LECTURE: D.M. Thomas discusses his lite and work with Wendy Pernam, whose latest novel, Fifty Manute Hour, explores themes close to Thomas's

heart. ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 0493), 1pm, free (membership fee). NEW DANCE: Artistic director of The Piace, John Ashford, discusses the recent surge in the popularity of dance. ICA, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930 0493), 7.30pm, free (membership fee).

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LITERATURE OF THE SOUTH BANK: LITERATURE OF THE SOUTH SAME Readings by and from the work of Charles Mungoshi, the bi-lingual novelst, poet and short story writer. The Voice Box, Level Five, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-926 8800), 7.30pm, adults £2.50,

ETHIP SEARCH THE NEW MISED OF COMICS: See picture, below. Exhibition Hall, Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Avenue Rd, London NW3. Until March 17, Mon and Thurs 9.30am-8pm, Tues 10am-6pm, Fri 9.30-6pm, Sat 9.30-5pm, closed Wed and Sun, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

MORFOLK AND MORWICH FESTIVAL Orchestral concerns for 1990 Include RPO with Martyn Brabbers, English Sinforfa with Sir Charles Groves. London Classical Players with Roger Norrington and Melvyn Tain, and Keswick Hall Cholr. Feb-June. St Andrew's Hall, Norwich (0603

SUNDAY AFTERMOON TEA CONCERTS: London Mozart Players play works by Mozart, Eiger, Schubert, Beethoven, etc., with tea-tasting intervals. Pappermint Tee (Fab 25), Orange Dezzler (March 25), Cherry Pickers Punch (April 22), and Strawberry Pair (June 17). Fair (June 17). Berbican, S& St., London EC2 (01-536

BUS STOP: Jerry Hall and Shaun Cassidy make British stage debute in new production of William Inge play. From Feb 27. Lyric Theebre, Shafteebury Ave, London W1 (01-437 3598).

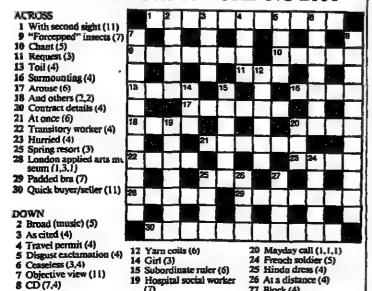
LAST CHANCE

MAKONDE - WOODEN SCULPTUKE FROM EAST AFRICA: Sculptures and ritual dance masks of people of Bantu origin from northern Mozamblque. Ende Sat. ext 4145).

TWENTIETH CENTURY PROPLE: Studies of ordinary people, explorir moods of introspection, image and City Art Gallery, Monkey St, Marichenter (061 396 9422).

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(b) To give or take as a pledge or pawn, from the Latin pigmas, -eris or -eris a pledge: "A man could not acquire possession by means of a pignorated slave." AFFENTINSCHER

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 With Harold Lloyd — The Third Genius (ITV, 10.35pm), Kevin Brownlow and David Gill complete their trio of documentaries about the great comedians of the silent cinema. Compared with Chaplin and Keaton, Lloyd's reputation has faded somewhat, though he made more films than the other two put together and at his peak rivalled Chaplin in popularity. Adopting a straightforward chronological narrative and spicing it with little-seen gems from the archives, Brownlow and Gill stress that Lloyd was a slow developer whose first successful screen character, Lonesome Luke, was more or less a copy of Chaplin's tramp. He did not finally hit upon his timid, bespectacled young man who ends up the hero until he had tried and discarded several other screen personas. Nowadays, Lloyd is best remembered for the "thrill" pictures in which he nearly, but never quite, managed to fall off awesomely high buildings. Even when Brownlow and



Harold Lloyd: in the clock-hanging scene from Safety Last (ITV, 10.35pm)

Gill reveal how it was done, this precarious clowning can still leave you gasping. The stunts were the more remarkable in that Lloyd carried them through with only one complete hand. He had earlier lost a thumb and finger when a prop bomb exploded and wore a special glove to disguise the damage. The 1920s may be a long time ago but Brownlow and Gill have tracked down and interviewed an impressive list of people who worked with Lloyd, not least the 98-year-old Hal Roach who, more than anyone, shaped his early career. Tonight's programme takes the story up to 1923 and Lloyd's most famous feature, Safety Last; the concluding part is at the same time next week. Channel 4 is showing Safety Last on Sunday and

● Sex, Politics and Alan Ayckbourn (BBC1, 10.20pm) is a useful primer from the Omnibus stable on the career and thoughts of the dramatist whose 37th play (or is it the 38th?) opens in London tomorrow. Interviewed by the theatre critic Michael Billington, Ayekbourn ruminates on good and evil, marriage and family life and why his plays go down less well in New York than in Japan or Germany. Billington shows how Ayekbourn's work has become steadily darker and deeper until it has nearly reached the point where comedy and tragedy are inseparable.

BBC 1

8.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Kirsty Wark. Includes regular news headlines; business news; sports bulletins; regional news; weather and travel information; and a review of the morning papers with Paul Callan 8.55 Regional News and weather.

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date to spite Mr Muir, and Jane
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ns own in the treatment of Bungo Straits. Directed by Robert Wise. Bodger and Badger (r) 4.05 Hokey Wolf (r) 4.15 Boggert Sandwich and Nothing Else by Martin Riley. Told by Hory McGrath 4.25 New Yord Bear Show 4.35 The Beatly Wild Show. New series about young people and animals about young people and animals presented by Terry Nutkins, Nicola Davies and Civis Packham

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5.00 Newsround. News at home and abroad for younger viewers 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 13. (Ceetax)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceetax)

5.00 Str. O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Arms Ford. Weather Class Newsroom South East

7.00 Holiday 90. Anne Gregg takes an in-depth look at Spain, exploring the southern coastline, including the Costa del Sol and the Costa de la Luz, plus inland Andalucia and Luz, plus intand Andalucia and the Atlantic coastal area. Also, an insight into how footballer Kevin Keegan and tennis player Steff Graf like to relax. (Ceefax)

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receives a summons from Janine's head teacher; Dot decides to help Rod; and Kathy offers to neip Hod; and Kathy orrers
Cindy a few suggestions for the
baby's christening. (Ceefax)

8.00 Porridge. Pardon Me. When
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Beaumont are joined by Gary
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9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn
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inge, confronted with Flichard's
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Inge, constronted with Richard's decision to break off his relationship with her altogether, is dejected when Felix also gives her the cold shoulder. Desperate for revenge, she contemplates using Sally's from Starring Trever Eve, Lisa Harrow and Rust Davies. (Cashax)

10.20 Omnibus. (see Choice)

11.29 Film 90 with Burry Norman. Barry reviews When I Fall in Love, starring Davids Qualid and Jessica Lange as a couple living the American Dream in the 1950s, and Ellen Bardo milts about her role in a new thriller, Sea of Love, in which she plays the chief suspect in a murder investigation being carried out by detective Al Pacino investigation being carried out by detective Al Pacino

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Fletchers about her drunken binge; and Tom tries to persuade Stacey to let him reveel the truth 1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.30 Sante Barbara. Kelty begs Peter not to lell her after he snocts Joe 2.00 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ITV programmes 2.30 Take the High Root. Briam's attitude to Susan and Jamie workes lased.

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L.30 After Henry: Relative Movement.
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5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 The
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10.00 The New Price is Right 10.30 The
Young Doctors 11.30 Sky by Day 12.00
Another World 1.00pm As the World Turns
2.00 Loving 2.30 A Problem Shared
3.00 Here's Lucy 3.30 Dennis 3.45 Captain
Caveman 4.00 Godzilla 4.30 The New
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6.00 The New Price Is Right 6.30 Sale
of the Century 7.00 Frank Bough's World
7.30 Zenith Data Systems Cup: First
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SKY NEWS

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SKY MOVIES

From **E.00**mm The Shopping Channel **2.00**pm Warm Hearts, Cold Feet (1987); Comedy about the difficulties a working woman can have raising a young child

The Wizard of Speed of Time
(1988): Documentary-drama about director
Mile Jinlor's entempts to rout his skills
as a special-effects artist

COC Carry On Abroad: The Carry On
the Carry 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 The Wharte Blower (1986): Michael
Cane investigates his son's death

(scrambled)
10.00 The Phantom of the Opera - Part
One (1989): A new version of the classic
Gaston Lerous tale. With Charles Dance
11.45 The Fly (1986): Jeff Goldburn as a

scientist whose experiment goes terribly ## wrong
1.45am The Long Journey Home
(1987): A husband returns home from the
Vietnam War after being missing in

action for 10 years 4.00 Nobody's Fool (1986): A woman atrives to become an auress. With Resemble Arquette. Ends at 5.50 am

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Menu 9.00
NHL Ice Hockey Pritsburgh Penguns v
Philadelphia Flyers 11.00 North
American Indoor Tennis Championships
1.00pm Ringside — Best of Superbouts:
Muhammad All v Leon Spinks 2.00 Tennis Legends 3.00 Motor Sport 4.00 College Basketball 5.30 Goals 6.00 Eurosport -West A Week! 7.00 Indoor Football: European Championships 8.00 Motor Sport 8.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 10.00 Basketball 12.00 Bodyoulding

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SCREENSPORT

7.00cm Football 8.45 Spain Spain Sport 9.00 Raily Championships 10.00 Boxing 11.30 ice Hockey 1.30pm World Invitational Club Baskerball 3.00 Powersports 4.00 ice Hockey 6.00 1989 Ultimete Yacht Race 7.30 Football 6.30 Golf 11.30 Track and Field

LIFESTYLE

10.00mm Jakes Fitness Minute 10,01 10.003 Jake Fitnes Minute 10.07
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10.55 Spain Spain Cooking 11.00
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Body Talk 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.30
The Rich Also Cry 2.40 Search for
Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.10 Chema

 Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

RADIO 1

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RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW News on the hour fleadlines 5.30mm, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 7.30, 8.30
4.00am Alex Lester 5.30
Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson
9.30 Ken Bruca 11.90 Jimmy
Young 1,05pm David Jacobs 2.00
Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Adrian
Checker June 7.00 The Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Radio Orchestra Show 9.05 When Housewives Had the Choice 10.00 The Hot Club 10.30 The Name's The General 4 4.00 Depend Name's The Game 11.00 Round Midnight 1.05am Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

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5.00am Morgannagazin 5.35 News In German 5.47 Sports News 5.50 Financial News 5.55 Weather and Travel News 5.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Main 7.00 World News 7.00 24 Hours, News 5.00 World News 7.00 24 Hours, News Summary and Financial News 7.00 Europe's World News 8.00 Financial News 8.00 Words of Fath 1.15 Head Matters 8.00 The Attentic Story 9.00 Head Matters 8.00 Ferinary of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.20 Financial News 7.00 News 5.00 Financial News 7.00 News 5.00 Financial News 7.00 News 9.00 Financial News 1.00 News 9.00 Financial News 1.00 News 1.00 News 1.00 World News 1.00 News 1.00 World News 1.00 World News 1.00 World News 1.00 Part 1.25 Sports Rounday 1.00 World News 1.00 Part 1.25 Sports Rounday 1.00 World News 1.00 Part 1.25 Sports Rounday 1.00 World News 1.00 Part 1.25 Sports News Summary and Financial News 2.00 News Summary 3.00 Financial News 1.00 News

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7.00 Morning Concert:
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London Philharmonic
Orchestra under Bernard
Hahtrikt, Eresco (Porwanian
Rhapsody No 2 in D, Op 11:
London Symphony
Orchestra under Antal
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Orchesta under Antali Dorahi)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Britten (Simple Symphorny, excerpts: English Chamber Orchestra under the composer; Schubert (Tric in 8 fait: Eugene Istornin, plano, issac Stern, violin, Leonard Rose, cello)
8.30 News

Leonard Ross, cello)

1.30 Nows

1.35 Composurs of the Weelc Shootshowtch — Propagandist! Music for the firm The Uniforgatishle Year 1919 (English Chamber Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Dmitri Alexany, plano); Ten poems on Texts by Revolutionary Poets (Moscow and Novoebirsk Chamber Choire; Vesna Children's Choral School under Viadimir Minin); Music for the film A Year Lies a Life (Moscow RSO under Maxims Shootshowtch) Shostakowich)

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9.35 Schumann: The planist
Martin Human performs
Romences: In B flat minor,
Op 28 No 1; in F sharp, Op
28 No 2; in B, Op 28 No 3;
Phantasiestlicke, Op 111;
Six Intermezzi, Op 4
16.25 A Morning Serenade:
Stravinsky (Suite Italiarme:
Marl Fujtwara, cello,
Jacques Rouvier, plano);

Marf Fujiwara, cello,
Jacques Rouvier, plano);
Liszt (Petrarch Sonnets Nos
47 and 104 "Années de
pélerinage, fialie": Jorge
Bolet, plano); Wolf (Italian
Serenade: CO of Europe
under Alexander Schneider)
11.05 Italian Beroque Volin
Sonatas: in the first of two
programmes, Elizabeth
Walnach, vloln, Richard
Tunnicliffe, cello, Paul
Nicholson, harpsicherd/
chumber organ, perform
Corelli (Sonata in D, Op 5
No 1); Verscini (Sonata in F,
Op 1 No 12) Op 1 No 12)

11.45 BBC Scottish Symphony
Orchestra under Günther
Bauer-Schenk, with Leslie
Howard, piano, Krzysztor
Smietana, violin, Arturo Bonnucci, cello, performs Judith Weir (The Ride over Lake Constance); Lied; Symp Beethoven (Triple Concerto); Kodály (Psecodi: Vgrtations)

1.00 m Nove 1.05 Glazunov and Gilère: Hanson String Quartet, with Peter Harson, viola, tris Jude, viola, Tyuko Inous, viola, Lional Handy, callo, performs Glazunov (Quartet No 3 in G, Op 28 "Quartet No 3 in G, Op 28 "Quartet siave"); Gilère (Quartet No 21

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2.05 The Danube: A musical portrait, including Mozart's Linz Symptony, and waitzes by Johann Strauss 4.15 Albion Ensemble performs Rosler (Wind Quintet in Efat); Arrigu (Quintet in C); Lis Zuan (Spring: Moonlight and Flowers over the River); Hindanibii (Qaine Kammermusik, Op 24 No 1) (r)

8.00 Edith Vogel Plays Brahms (Seven Fantasies, Op 116) (f) 5.30 Mahly for Pleasures Recordings by Britain's provincial orchestras are rediscovered by Lyndon Jankins

Jankins
7.00 Naws
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7.05 Third Ear: William Travor
discuss his work with
Hermione Lee, including his
intest collection of short
stories, Family Sins
7.20 Tokyo String Cuurint Plays
Schubert Castretes in D, D
94; in C, D 48 and in D
minor, D 816 "Death and
the Matden". The first of
two programmes

two programmes

5.50 On Poyer Cultura:
Mementoes and
internationant are often on
offer before a performance.
Planist Stephen Prusin
reflects on this burgeoning
practice reflects on this burgeoning practice

8.05 Two Legends: BBC Weish Symphony Orchestra under Richard Arastrong performs Liste (Der Michillen Zug); Hoddingtt (Star Children)

8.45 Drama Now Where the Boys Are, by Maurica Letch. The danger of tribal rituals threatens a boys evening of furnour and noungles. With T.P. McKenne as Mose, Sean Barrett as Terry, Susan Fleetwood as Kassand Oos McWeer as Wibbs Laydn — Music of the

11.00 Composers of the Weeks Haydn — Music of the 1780s. Der Galcheiner, Der erste Kuss; Trost unglicklicher Liebe; Eine sehr gewöhnliche; Geschichte; Soreta in E restablish School of E minor, H XVI 34; O liebes Medchen, höre midt, Lob der Fauthelt; Geistliches Lied; Symphony No 77 in 8 feat (r)

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16.00 News, Medicine Now
16.30 Morning Story, Pink May,
by Sizabeth Bowen
16.46 Only Service (s)
11.00 News, Clizans
11.25 From Our Own
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sing an interview with Fattine Weer, Nescon Mandela's biographer; and Jerny Cuffe reports on the Inter-marriage of Jews and Inter-marrage of Jowes and Carrolles

3.00 News: Thirty-Minute

Theatre: Man in Ner Lile, by
Elsere Ferrassin, Married,
with three daughters, Jenny
(Shells Steelel) meets the
men of her drawns. With
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3.32 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Douglas Boyd and Enno Senft, roundar members of the Crember Orchess of Europe (s) 4.00 News 4.05 The Local Natwork: Floopy Discs. Reporters Denid Clayton and Nell Walker Islan to some of the

RADIO 4

8.09 News
9.09 News
9.09 Call Nick Ross: 01-580
4411. This week's topic in
education. With guests,
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secretary of the NUT, and
Malcolm Thombon, MP,
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Education

1,00 The World at One 1,00 The World at One 1,40 The Archers (r) 1,85 Shipping Forecast 2,00 News; Woman's Hour: The woman of the ANC Choir

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with Marianne Wiggins, wife
of Salman Rushdle and
author of the book John
Dollar, which is elso
reviewed; and Paul Allan
talks to Mailee Ruthven
author of The Salanic Affair
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8.60 PM 5.56 Shipping Forecast 8.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock Naves; Feamore Report
6.39 Smiley's Propie (new series): Seven-part dramatestation of John La Carré's novel. With Bernerd Hapton, John Bennett and John Cuayle (s) (see Choice)

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7.09 News 7.09 The Archers
7.39 File on 4: Eric Robscon
examines whether Britain's
National Parks can survive National Partie can Survive growing pressure from visitors and developers.

5.00 Science Now (r)

6.30 Femous for 15 Munutus; Jane Miles mean Terry Brooks, the first Miley Bar Wild In the 1560s (r)

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production of Dan Glovenni (s)

1.45 The Ferencial World Tonight 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.46 A Book at Bedimer. Love Lessons, by Joan Wyndham (7 of 10)

1.00 The Radio Programme (new series): The changing lease of British radio (7)

1.30 Today in Parliament

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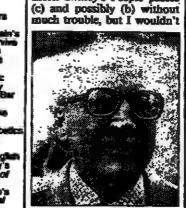
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Peter Davalle

• There is an acid test that René Basilico's dramatization of John Le Carré's Smiley's People (Radio 4, 6.30pm)

(RADIO CHOICE)

must pass if it is not to give us headaches. It must be comprehensible even to someone who (a) has not read Tinker, Tailor etc., (b) doesn't know who George Smiley is or (c) what the Circus is or (d) whether, in counter-intelli-gence, there is any difference between a postman and a



Bernard Hepaux as the sleath, George Smiley (R4, 6.30pm)

like to bet heavily on the outcome of the rest of the test. What's more (and here I'm quoting from my memory of the BBC television version of Smiley's People), the going gets more cryptic the deeper Smiley gets into the case of the former Soviet agent whose body comes bloodily to light on Hampstead Heath. In a line, Smiley's People will be most appreciated by all who revel in the enigmatic nature of The Times Crossword. There are just enough echoes of Alec Guinness's donnishness in Bernard Hepton's FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-89.8. (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;595kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. LBC: 1152kHz/251m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. Greater London Radio: 1458tHz/205m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 548tHz/463m. Smiley for us not to have to perform a somersault in adapting our ears to a different vocalization of this eerily calm secret service sleath.

ST VALENTINE'S DAY



VENCHY

Channel 5, the proposed new commercial television station, faces almost certain delays to its projected 1993 launch after a decision by ministers not to fund its transmitter network.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority has been pressing the Government to finance the necessary work on transmitters needed to broadcast the station's programmes and then to recoup the cash from the company which wins the Channel 5 franchise.

However, senior Home Office sources disclosed last night that the Government believed the successful ap-plicant for Channel 5 should be given the opportunity of deciding what kind of transmission system was required.

IBA officials have warned that a delay in providing a transmitting system could mean Channel 5 will not be on the air until 1994 or 1995, thereby facing increased diffi-culties against established satellite televison operators.

However, the Home Office believes any delay will be in months rather than years.

The time advantage gained by starting work on a transmitter system now does not outweigh the possibility that a Channel 5 franchisee might regret having some of the decisions about a transmitter network taken away from him,"

In spite of fierce opposition, the Government has also decided against dropping proposals to retain a veto on the appointment of non-executive board members to Channel 4 by the Independent Television

Sir Richard Attenborough, chairman of Channel 4, has said he will resign if the Government retains the veto in the broadcasting Bill.

Ministers are reviewing the kind of service to be provided by the three new commercial national radio stations pro-posed in the Bill. The legislation presently stipulates that the stations should exter to a range of tastes and interests. Ministers fear this vague drafting could result in three pop music stations.

Ministers are considering requiring the proposed Radio Authority to secure the provision of a diversity of services, including, for example, classi-cal music and national news. "We are concerned that the present arrangements might not lead to as rich a diversity of service as it would be possible and desirable to get," a Home Office source said.

 Mr Marmaduke Hussey chairman of the BBC, renewed his call at the Oxford Union Librarian Speakers Society dinner last night for the Government to fund a world service television system.

Channel | Promise that the Savoy show will go on



Sir Hugh Wontner, chairman of the Savoy Hotel, amid the charred ruins of the theatre yesterday. An electrical fault is believed to have caused the fire.

The devastation around the gutted stage and (right) the first performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's Patience in 1881 beneath the glare of electric light bulbs.

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

The Savoy Theatre, whose unique interior was destroyed by fire early yesterday, will be refurbished and will

"It has come as a considerable shock, but we will be reinstating the interior,"
Mr Courtenay said. "It is well
documented and the intention at the moment is to return it to its appearance adore the fire."

He boped to have the theatre, which was due to reopen after its Christmas season next week with Ben Travers' farce Thark, fully restored in a year. The producers of Thark said it was hoped that another West End theatre would be found for the production this week.

Ironically, it may have been an dectrical fault that caused damage

WEATHER

ABROAD

south-west England will move eastwards, turning to sleet and snow over hills in northern England and southern Scotland. It will be followed by brighter weather with blustery showers, which will be heaviest and most frequent in the north, where they will be wintry on hills. Still windy in places, but not as strong as in recent days. Outlook: unsettled; rain everywhere.

worth at least £2 million. The Savoy, one of the most famous theatres in the world, was the first in the West End to have electric light. It was built in 1881 by D'Oyly Carte, the impressario, to be the home of Gilbert and Sullivan operus and opened with Patience.

Within seven years, the theatre was so necessful it was able to fund the building of the Savoy Hotel, which opened in 1889 and which is now a pareholder in the independent com-



A band of rain over North-

ern Ireland, Wales and

AROUND BRITAIN

Political sketch

Just nothing to shout at, at all

suppose that politicians de- 100. sire movement. You could be forgiven for thinking that the discomforts of John Carlisle status quo was a condition

You would be wrong. Like a minor entertainment but most of us, politicians are mentally lazy and rather move; or a perpetual cam- They must be proud of him in paign for a benefit which they Luton. cannot secure. Heaven de-

Well Heaven has let the politicians down. First it was perestroika. The Cold War had sustained and nurtured whole generations of MPs in set beliefs and constituencyspeeches: immutable and comfortable, for both sides. Now Mr Gorbachov has swept all that away and nobody knows what to think any more. Tories at West-minster stumble through Defence Questions declaring that "nothing has changed" (honestly!) while Mr Kinnock flounders through speeches insisting that "democratic

socialism" is what the Romanians rose up to demand. And now Mandela's free. Our sympathies, first, so out to Winnie and Nelson. Elements in the media are already beginning to depict this romance on a per with that of Robert and Elizabeth Browning. But with Winnie's views on "necklacing" (burning tyres around the necks of fellow-blacks whose revolutionary zeal has been found wanting) and her sponsorship of a "football team" which (allegedly) went beyond what

Elton John expects of Wat-

ford, it may not be long

before Nelson remembers his

prison warders with

For her part, Winnie may find making Nelson's tea and plumping up his pillows at night, lacks the challenge of former days. The pair must waltz wretchedly into a dawn in which - inevitably - both are swept aside.

As for Mr de Klerk and his eam, a logiam that has been ammed since 1948 has broken and they must dance

From the violence of their from log to rolling log until language it is very easy to inevitably - they tumble,

Against such anguish, the (C. Luton N) and David

Winnick (Lab, Walsall N) are

exquisite in their way. Mr Carlisle has been so timid. But, unlike us, they are consistent in his sympathies not paid to sound like that. for the government in Pre-Nothing, therefore, suits toria that it has actually them better than a state of moved faster than he and he permanent outrage against an finds himself outflanked on evil which they cannot re- the left by Afrikanerdom.

Yesterday afternoon, as fend them from new circum- Foreign Office Minister Wilstances which the old voc- liam Waldegrave feted the abulary will not serve. release of Mandela with mea-Heaven preserve the ancient sured enthusiasm, Carlisle was reduced to rehearsing what sounded like reasons ("chilling reminders") for imprisoning him again. Not even the South African Government was contemplating this. For John Carlisle, as for Fidel Castro, the world must suddenly seem a very ionely

> For the ageing David Winnick, the thought that what he had been railing against for 40 years was actually crumbling was too awful to contemplate. So he didn't contemplate it; but took the line that nothing had

That, indeed, was Labour's official position, as espoused by their spokesman Gerald Kaufman. Whether the sus-picion that Mr Kaufman cannot believe the half of what he says will - at the Last Judgement — be evidence for the defence or for the prosecution, we must leave it

to the Judge to decide.
Then there was Walde-grave himself. Going, perhaps, a little beyond his brief, he ventured into prophecy and told David Steel that the Liberals would "no doubt, blame us when a white backlash sweeps Mr de Klerk away.

I was in the Foreign Office myself. We provided Ministers with helpful notes for these occasions: but some read out; while others - "for background only" - explained the likelihoods, in

I suspect the Minister read out the wrong bit.

Matthew Parris

Mandela predicts talks

Africa, telling reporters: "It is too early for anybody to expect us to call for the lifting of sanctions."

During his press conference Mr Mandela described his feelings on both his imprisonment and his release. "I have lost a great deal over the past

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LIGHTING-UP TIME

Son sets: 5.12 pm

HIGH TIDES

reiterated his call for the under all sorts of pressures. It continued isolation of South is not nice for a man to see his family struggling."

The public demonstrations leading up to his release had been breathtaking and inspiring. "It is clear now that the masses of the people who want to free themselves are no longer prepared to wait for the Government to free them."

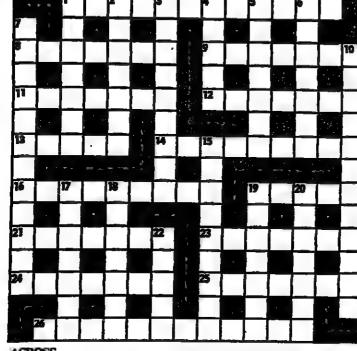
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- 1 Ship's boy gets pound then £500 (6-6).
- 8 Showing pas Americas (7). 9 Girl after the church plate (7).
- 11 Turkish pouffe (7). 12 Force the French to fight (7).
- 13 Shakespearian maid returns, but not as a femme fatale (5). 14 Pretty popular chap going around as intermediary (2-7).
- 16 Citadel to cut store of weapons
- back after initial agreement (9). 19 Leader, one involved in intrigue
- 21 Vehicle to follow about, right?
- Solution to Puzzle No 18,215

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- 23 Referee arrived shortly, without 24 Animal long out of control (7).
- 25 Desire in general to shine (7). 26 in creek he's been changing nether-garments (4-8).
- 1 Professional player losing a
- manager (7). 2 Forester's wife holding the party
- 3 Lateness I treated as exceedingly important (9).
- 4 Parrot's bill sticks in the craw (5). 5 Most intimate attention in the
- home (7). 6 Record the fibre in a letter (7).
- 7 Plant seen in a dream (6.6). 10 Try it in green, possibly... (8,4). 15 ... a piece of jewelry, holding

strange power to add sparkle (9).

- 17 A lot of soldiers don't finish the 18 Humour about to appear in print (7).
- 19 Announce rise of one pound in
- 20 Characters in TS Eliot given to understatement (7). 22 Coach tour diverted round the
- centre of Luton (5). Concise Crossword, page 18

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard GENEISM Discrimination
 Belief in djinn c. A tendency to be bored PIGNORATE a. Porcinely ignorant b. To pledge or pawn c. To speak rhetorically AFFENPINSCHER A dirty bottom-pincher
 An after-ski hot drink
 A small, hairy dog Italian sherry trifle A small zyther c. A Serbian comm Answers on page 18

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Executive Editor David Brewerton

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Market report, page 25

Dividend passed

HunterPrint, the printing group, has passed its final dividend after plunging from a pre-tax profit of £6.45 million to a £2.19 million loss in the year to last October.

It has also charged an extraordinary £9 million "to take all losses on the chin," Mr Michael Hunter, the chief executive, said.

The shares fell 5p to 105p. Tempos, page 22

Fimbra order

Fimbra has ordered AM Global Financial Services to cease investment business. The Croydon firm, which became Fimbra member in 1988, was permitted to handle client money and to manage portfolios of unit trusts.

BT sells MTV

British Telecom is to sell its minority interest in the MTV Europe partnership to MTV Networks. MTV Europe is a joint venture between MTV, British Telecom and Mr Robert Maxwell.

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Industrial power bills 'will fall in real terms' By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor deterioration in that position would be unacceptable." cent initially although Mr Wakeham expects it to decline over the next eight Wakeham, the Energy Secretary, broke the

Many industrial and commercial electricity users should see some decline in prices in real terms after privatization of the electricity industry while domestic users probably face "a small increase" over and above inflation in the first year. Domestic rises will be "capped" for the two following years so they will not exceed any increase in inflation.

Rises affecting intensive users, such as the paper and board, cement, steel, chemicals and glass industries, will also be capped for a year to give them breathing

space to negotiate new contracts. The Department of Energy expects the average electricity prices will not rise more highest prices in Europe and "any

news as he laid before the House of Commons draft operational licences for National Power and PowerGen, the two generating bodies being created out of the Central Electricity Generating Board and the 12 area boards which will be the main sellers of electricity.

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI) said the one-year capping for intensive users was not long enough. At least two years was needed. It added: "The essential issue is whether large and intensive UK users will have internationally competitive electricity prices." UK overall effect for all users will be that bulk users appeared to have among the

Vesting Day for the industry is March 31 next year. The two generators will be taken to market by spring, 1991, although no decision has been made whether to float them together. The area boards will also be

As the likelihood grew of a heightening row over domestic consumers having to foot higher bills, Mr Wakeham also disclosed the rate of the nuclear levy, to be imposed on the privatized industry to help offset nuclear costs as nuclear power remains in the public sector. It is not an additional cost, given current price struc-tures, but reduces the chances of bringing down electricty costs. It will be 10.6 per

years as nuclear power sourcing becomes more efficient. This is marginally above the level which had been expected. The Treasury had favoured a rate nearer 12 per cent while the area boards, which will be passing on the levy to consumers, had pushed for nearer 8 per cent.

Their fear is that at more than 10 per cent it could be an incentive to industrial users to buy one of the new generation small gas turbines to generate their own power. Users producing power for their own consumption escape the levy.

Mr Wakeham said: "I have no reason to believe that the average price of electricity will rise in real terms. For many industrial there will be a reduction in the price of electricity in real terms. For domestic customers it will vary from area to area as at present but I suspect there will be a small increase in the first year after which there will be capping for the following two

Large users of electricity had traditionally paid less than the full cost of their supplies but now the market would average this out, said Mr Wakeham.

Up to 200 companies are estimated to be intensive users and there has been speculation that they could face increases in power bills of between 20 and 40 per cent. Some have plans for building their own power

Drexel crisis after slide in junk market

By James Bone and Neil Bennett

looking for a new merger appropriate action to maxi- 5,400. partner investor after mize liquidity." suffering from the slump The firm said in the market,

Drexel replied to Wall statement which said: "The unsettled markets, particularly in the high yield area, have adversely affected the liquidity of our parent cor-poration, Drexel Burnham Lambert Group."

The Drexel junk bond operation, based in Beveriy Hills, has been having an increasingly tough time, under pressure from unhappy investors on one side and corporate ctients unable to complete their deals on the other.

heir deals on the other.

Recently, Drexel has had to dimit to problems in raising elatively modest junk bond lucrative junk bond activities admit to problems in raising relatively modest junk bond issues, after failing to convince of Mr Michael Milken, which investors to back the deals. Many of Drexel's earlier

issues have the backing of "buy-back" guarantees, and the firm is believed to have taken vast quantities of bonds on to its own books. It is to finance these holdings, many of which are probably intrin-sically sound, that Drexel needs capital.

There was considerable the case. Drexel last year speculation about the amount undertook the most drastic of capital it needs to lift the restructuring on Wall Street, business clear of problems. selling off its retail brokerage

ment added: "We are taking

several prospective investors. Street reports about its liquid- It refused to specify what ity problems with a terse sparked its liquidity crisis or holder, in the refinancing.

Dealers treated Drexel's admission of liquidity problems included a markdown of the with amazement. "It's like value of its junk bond admitting you have cancer,"

said one. "No one will dare do business with them now." Drexel rose from being a

the 1980s. But it ran into trouble with the law and agreed to pay a \$650 million penalty after pleading guilty to securities law violations linked to Mr Milken's junk bond opera-tions. Mr Milken, who left the

firm, was also indicted. In an effort to recover from

Drexel Burnham Lam- But Drexel insists that the business, pulling out of the bert, the US investment house that virtually created the huge junk bond market of the 1980s, is group. The changes almost halved Drexel's staff to about

> Speculation about its finan-The firm said negotiations cial position continue to had already begun with one or sweep the markets because of its exposure to the troubled junk bond market, prompting the firm to take the unusua whether it would sever its link with Groupe Bruxelles Lam-lion loss for 1989, compared bert, its 37 per cent share- with after-tax profits of more than \$500 million in 1986.

The company said the loss inventory.

The Wall Street bond market is in severe depression. Many high yield issues are now almost illiquid, and institutions have found them-selves landed with billions in untradeable securities. Two weeks ago, Shearson Lehman Hutton cancelled a \$20 million share issue. Large numbers of previously highly-paid

Confirmation of Drexel's search for capital coincided with a sharp fall in prices of high yield issues. RJR Nabis-co Holdings and other high-yield junk bonds continued Friday's sharp retreat on con-firmation that Nabisco has postponed a \$1.25 billion debt

A Nabisco spokesman said: "The issue is postponed due to market conditions."

Four face first Guinness trial





After two years' preparation, the first of two Guinness trials started yesterday in the canteen at Southwark Crown Court, London. The case is expected to run until the end of July. The four defendants, Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, who was accompanied by his son James, (above) along with the former stockbroker Mr Anthony Parnes, (left), Mr Gerald Ronson, head of Heron Corp (top), and Sir Jack Lyons, the financier and arts patren, face charges of theft, false accounting and conspiracy. Full report, page 2.

Retail sales show spending strength

squeezing profit margins in re- the same period a year before. sponse to higher interest rates. The uncertainty, triggered

companies sufficiently. The official data coincided with a Confederation of British Industry survey that sug-gested stronger-than-expected retail sales last month, but did

than half a cent against the dollar to close at \$1.6960. It eased slightly against the mark justed 1.3 per cent last month, reversing most of December's trade-weighted hasis, it was the same of the

Fresh doubts have surfaced volume sales for the latest about the strength of consumer spending and the extent to above the previous three which manufacturers are months and 1.5 per cent up on

Government statisticians said the latest two months toby the latest figures on retail gether suggested some renew-sales and producer prices, ed underlying growth, but the again raised the question view was not shared by the sales and producer prices, ed underlying growth, but the again raised the question view was not shared by the whether a 15 per cent base rate the consumer and idea of a trend reversal as

Output prices rose 0.8 per cent, reflecting annual price list changes, to 5.2 per cent, compared with December's not see the pick-up 5.3 per cent. The pound gained more

reversing most of December's trade-weighted basis, it was huge 1.9 per cent surge, it left unchanged from Friday's 89.4. Godfrey Davis shares and the total dividend to 7.85p.

Sketchley rejects £137m Davis bid

vending machines group, was attempting to fight off a £137.6 million takeover bid in the face of a slump in profits. The bid came from Godfrey

Davis, the Sunlight laundry services to motor leasing group. It has claimed the support of Sketchley's biggest shareholder, Mercury Asset Management, with 17.1 per

The bid was rejected by Mr Malcolm Glenn, the Sketchley chairman, even though he went on to warn that profits for the year to March 1990 would be "substantially below market expectations."

Sketchley, the dry cleaning to 350p in cash for every three vending machines group, was Sketchley shares, valuing each attempting to fight off a Sketchley share at 380p when the bid was launched. Mr John Ivey, Godfrey Davis chief executive, said shareholders can keep their 25 per cent dry cleaning discount perk.

However, Davis shares dipped 9p to 149p trimming the value to 365p. Meanwhile, Mr Glenn was insisting that the terms did not take full account of the value of the Sketchley brand name, and other strengths. Sketchley shares closed 18p higher at 382p, after touching 388p.

Godfrey Davis estimates that its own profits rose by 26 per cent in the year ended last December, to £21.5 million, and that earnings per share grew by 10 per cent. Mr Ivey forcasts a 12 per cent rise in

Company alleges 'serious breaches' of service contract

BLP dismisses chairman over deals

By Melinda Wittstock

BLP Group, the USM real wood and veneer laminates maker, has dismissed its chairman without compensation following allegations of "serious breaches of his service contract" over investments in two customer companies believed to be on the brink of receivership.

Mr John Goodman, whose dismissal became effective on Sunday, was asked to leave a month ago after it emerged he had taken controlling stakes in Raven Furniture, a wooden doors manufac-turer, in 1988, and Old Halls, an allwood kitchen manufacturer and distributor, in 1989, without company permission.

BLP entered talks to buy the two loss-making companies, which owe BLP £150,000 as a result of loans granted by Mr Goodman, but decided against it when the seriousness of their financial

gave warning of a profits downturn for the year to end-December yesterday. Its shares fell 13p to 34p. Mr Cohen said BLP does not expect the £150,000 debt to be repaid and will make full provision for the amount with the preliminary results, to be announced in April. "The danger of receivership at both companies is very real," he said.

Mr Cohen insisted there was no evidence of fraud or price-fixing by Mr Goodman. "There's nothing sinister should have told us and gotten written It's a matter of conflict of interest.

about it, it just reflects bad judgement on the part of the former chairman. He permission from us before he invested. "If the investments had worked out okay, then maybe it wouldn't have mattered. But it would reflect badly on receivership," said Mr Cohen, whose brother Malcolm, the BLP finance director, takes over as chairman until Mr Goodman's replacement can be found. Mr Goodman, who owns 1.1 million shares in BLP (about 3 per cent), will not be permitted to sell his shares before the results are announced, said Samuel Montagu, the company's advisor. BLP said trading conditions deteri-

orated further in the second half of 1989. While BLP is trading profitably, profits are expected to be much lower than anticipated earlier in the year.

BLP, which reported pre-tax profits of £1.9 million in 1988 followed by interim pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June of £1.7 million, is expected to report profits of £2.2 million pre-tax, Layrence Prust, its broker, has forecast. It is also to reduce its final dividend when the seriousness of their financial problems became clear, said Mr Ian

BLP if the companies the chairman had payout from the 2.35p paid last year. An interim 1.5p has already been paid.

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Questions remain as Dalgety gets back to business as usual

deserves breathing space. It is less than four months since be took over as chief executive of Dalgety, the petfood-to-pig

Already, he has supervised the long-awaited disposal of the commodities business Gill & Duffus and embarked on a strategic review, the findings of which are likely to ensure that commodities are not the last business on which Dalgety

Yesterday's interim figures reinforced the impression that it is business as usual again, after the drama of last year's departure of his predecessor, Mr Terry Pryce.
At £57.1 million, pre-tax

profits for the six months to December were a million or so above what the market was looking for and 10.4 per cent ahead of last time. Gearing is also heading the right way down from 70 per cent to 41

per cent.
The one slight worry is that charge is taken into effect trading profits had actually fallen, if only by £200,000, to But that is exactly what Mr

Warren's strategic review will address, as the 10 per cent hike in the interim dividend sug-gests. For just as a feed compounder adjusts the mix to keep his margins high. Mr Newman has to adjust Dal-The stock market will want

large restructuring. It wants to know if Dalgety will hang on to Dalgety Farmers, the 65 per cent-owned Australian subsidiary. It wants to know if there And is continental Europe Dalgety's chosen area of

Mr Warren has undertuken to answer these and other queries in deed, if not word. He appears to have the time. Mr Robert Holmes à Court and action to cut overhe and his partner Elf Aquitaine, have now taken their stake

also taken the heat out of the

the full year with earnings per share of about 36p. That puts the company on a prospective p/e of 10.5, in line with the sector average. That is the way it should stay until Mr Warren comes up with some answers.

Peter Black

Peter Black can be thought of as a mixture of Sears, Coloroll and Body Shop. Half its business is shoes, with the balance split between home furnishings and toiletries. Taken in isolation, Black's first-half performance might look uninspiring. By comparision with results from others in the sector, Black has been doing well.
Sales were a touch down at

is still growth in Martin £73.5 million in the six Brower, its US subsidiary, months to the beginning of December, although pre-tax profits edged 5 per cent ahead to £3.54 million, Black is proud that operating margins widened from 6.8 to 7.1 per efficiency-improving plants, Black acknowledges that

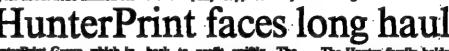
much of its relative stability comes from its relationship with Marks and Spencer, slippers and bags, but Black has followed Marks into furnishing and, most recently, cosmetics and toiletries. Most of Black's cosmetics

and toiletries business has been built up from scratch, though in October it splashed out £12.8 million – equivalent to 15 times its earnings -on English Grains, which makes herbal remedies.

While that purchase had little impact on the half-year figures, the growth of original subsidiaries in this division offset setbacks in other

Earnings per share were only 4 per cent up at 6.92p in the six months, considerably below the annual growth of 15 per cent averaged in the previous five years. However, the interim dividend is to go up by no less than 18 per cent to 0.77p. This reflects Black's confidence and the belief that tax reform has made dividends more attractive.

expectations for the full year, but profits of £10.5 million earnings of 12.5p would less than 10. That is inexpen-



of poor financial medicine.

The group has sunk into a pre-tax loss of £2.19 million for the year ended October 1 against a pre-tax profit of £6.45 million. It has oussed its fical dividend, leaving only the 3p interim already paid against 10p for 1988. The ded by start-up proble and ruins 23 years of minterrupted growth.
Financial prospects depend

heavily on getting the maga-zine and catalogue division

million to £20.5 million, and with out debt at £23 million the group ended its year with gearing at 112 per cent.

Last month's sale of its financial printing division should mean a net injection of between \$2.4 million and \$2.8 million - though payment will be spread over two years - and while HunterPrint has laid down the new technology for the 1990s so it can give the European competition a run for its money, relief on the high interest rate front is needed before financial smiles

Until there is evidence that HunterPrint is firmly back in the black, and until the hint is given that dividend cheques are back in the post, the shares

Stratagem boosted in Colonnade offer

By Jeremy Andrews

Shares in Colonnade Development Capital, an investment trust managed by British & Commonwealth, fell 15p to 165p on the news that certain institutional holders intend to accept the 163p cash offer from Stratagem, a quoted investment company.

These institutions also sold Stratagem enough shares to give it a 25 per cent blocking stake in Colonnade.

Last Friday, Mr Bernard Kerrison, Stratagem's chairman, was reported as saying that Colonnade's counter-proposals "will not shake the support of the institutions who have indicated their intention to accept" the £8.2 million offer from Stratagem.

Mr Kerrison was asked by the Takeover Panel to clarify the position and following this, Merseyside Superannuation Fund, the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority and Bar-ing Investment Management all sold one quarter of their holdings in Colonnade to Stratagem. This added almost 7 per cent to Stratagem's existing 18.1 per cent stake. Stratagem said that the

institutions intended to continue their support for the bid and accept it on the first closing date, February 21, in respect of their remaining 20.9 per cent stake. Derbyshire County Council, with a 9.9 per cent stake, has not disclosed where its loyalties lie.

Quadrant will miss profit expectations

By Melinda Wittstock

Quadrant Group, the acquis- to "substantially reduce" its itive photographic and video company, has given warning that profits for the year to end-February will fall short of earlier expectations.

Mr Jeremy Peace, the former stockbroker who is chairman of Quadrant, said pre-tax profits, however, will not be less than £5 million, an increase of about 13 per cent on last year's £4.4

He said sales at Quadrant, which supplies estate agents with photographs and distributes photographic products to retailers, had been hit by the downturn in consumer spend-

"There has been a general decline in sales across the group," said Mr Peace. But he

said the board is taking action

cost base in order to improve

operating profitability in the coming financial year. Mr Peace said that total cost-cutting would amount to

more than £1 million. This will involve redundancies in the processing and video equipment sales divi-

Total proceeds from the disposal of the cellular communications business, which made no contribution to second-half profits, will push total cash balances at Quadrant up to £25 million net. Mr Peace said Quadrant

would use the money to make acquisitions, as well as to take advantage of "strategic opportunities for organic growth."
Quadrant shares fell 17p to

are a gamble. **CBI** review of financial services

By Our City Staff

A new barometer of the health of financial services is to be launched this month by the Confederation of British In

It has joined accountants

and management consultants Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte to plot such variables as level of business, outlook for the industry, trends in costs and profitability and employment. Firms to be surveyed include banks, finance houses,

building societies, insurance companies, pension funds, unit trusts and stockbrokers. The CBI already conducts authoritative reviews of manufacturing industry and the

distributive trades. Dr Andrew Sentance, CBI director of economic affairs, said: "There is at present little reliable information on current trends in financial services in spite of the fact that financial institutions make a major contribution to the UK economy by generating overseas earnings and employ-

ment opportunities. "Initially we hope to survey about 500 companies, but it is our intention to build on this sound foundation as the survey develops,"

Results of the first survey, to be published quarterly, will be released on February 22.

Shares fall

Stanley Miller, the Tyneside construction company, has learned that its largest share-holder, the North East Investment Trust with 29.9 per cent, will be selling its holding after year-end results are announced in April.

North East Investment is controlled by two Stanley Miller directors, and news of the planned sale sent the shares down 20p to 114p.

Information for Siemens shareholders

Streamlined organisation off to a good start

The reorganised Siemens made a good start in the first quarter of the current financial year (1st October to 31st December 1989). New orders and sales again topped those of the preceding

year's first quarter, which in some sectors were very high indeed. Capital expenditure and investment increased vigorously. Operating results rose 21%.

New orders

Siemens, comprising Siemens AG and its consolidated companies in Federal Germany and other countries, saw new orders increase by 10% to £6,437m (in the financial year 1988/89 it was £5,868m). Fifty-eight percent (1988/89: 56%) of this total was accounted for by international business, which rose 13% to £3,711m (1988/89: £3,275m). A quarter of this growth was due to the initial consolidation of newly acquired companies, e.g. Rolm Systems (U.S.A.) and IN2 S.A.

(France). Growth was weaker in the German home market, rising 5% to £2,726m. This slowdown was mainly attributable to a large inflow of orders during the same period of the previous year.

in £m	1/10/88 to 31/12/88	1/10/80 to 31/12/89	Change
Herr groens	5,868	6,437	-10%
German business	2,593	2,726	+ 5%
International business	3,275	3,711	+13%

Sales

Sales increased 20% to £5,427m (1988/89: £4,513m). German domestic sales in particular expanded, increasing 29% to £2.567m (1988/89: £1,983m). This reflects the surge in orders received in the past year as well as the completion of major projects. In contrast, international sales progressed at an even rate, increasing 13% to £2,860m (1988/89: £2,530m).

Approximately one-third of this growth is attributable to the inclusion of sales of acquired companies.

in Em	1/10/88 to 31/12/88	1/10/89 to 31/12/89	Change
Sales 1/// Complete	7 (5) (4)	* * · / A	子20%
German business	1,983	2,567	+29%
International business	2,530	2,860	+13%

Employees

Siemens' worldwide workforce rose 2% to 373,000. Although the number of people employed in the Company's German operations remained practically unchanged, its international workforce increased by 5% to 145,000, largely as a result of new acquisitions. Employment costs rose to £2,371m (1988/89: £2,191m).

in thousands	30/9/89	31/12/89	Change
Employees	365	373	+ 2%
German operations	227	228	0%
International operations	138	145	+ 5%
in Sm	1/10/68 to 31/12/68	1/10/89 to 31/12/89	Change
Employment costs	2191	2.371	+ 8%

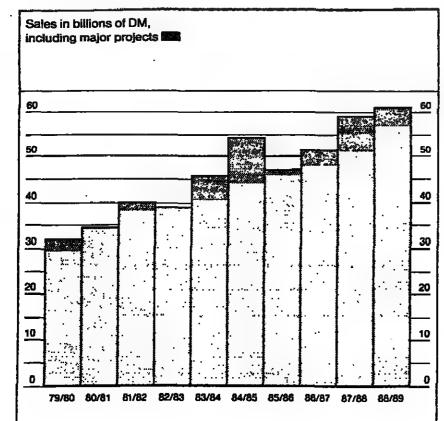
Capital spending and net income

Capital expenditure and investment increased to £745m (1988/89: £272m). Approximately £300m (1988/89: £230m) of this amount was capital expenditure on fixed assets. The largest proportion of its investment was used to pay for the outstanding amounts involved in the purchase of The Plessey Company plc, Ilford, which Siemens jointly acquired with Britain's GEC.

In line with sales growth, net income after taxes rose 21 % during the first quarter to £134m (1988/89: £111m).

in £m	1/10/88 to 31/12/88	1/10/89 to 31/12/89	Dage
Capital expenditure and investment	272	745	+473
Net income after taxes	111.	134	+21%

All amounts translated at Frankfurt middle rate on 29/12/1989: £1 = DM 2.721



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03 42711777 Trust a further 13 per cent. There are no competitive war: : to be down and struggling opportunistic buying Meanwhile, it looks like a slow hast back to profits, so divident restoration must be some way off. Yesterday the shares fell from 110p to 102p.

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Former Marriott men set sights on Hilton Hotels

From James Bone, New York

Queens Moat Houses in

W German expansion

that it was building one in Dosseldorf and said a deal was close on building a fourth in Lubeck. But the news knocked 1p off the Queens Moat share price, reducing slightly the value of its two-

The hotels purchased - the Ambassadors in Mönchen-

Queens now claims to be the largest British-based operator

Gladbach and Ingolstadt - have a total of 250 bedrooms.

Queens says they are both in commercial areas and fit in well

Conrad Hilton.

for-five share offer for Norfolk.

with company sites in West Germany.

Mr Alfred Checchi, the former Marriott hotel official who led last year's \$3.65 billion buyout of NWA Inc, the parent of Northwest Airlines, has emerged as a contender for Comment Million Hotels put itself up for sale last summer after the settlement of a dispute over the estate of its founder, Mr comment of a dispute over the estate of its founder, Mr comment of a dispute over the estate of its founder, Mr comment of a dispute over the estate of its founder, Mr comment of the lakeover climate. erged as a contender for Hilton Hotels Corp.

Mr Checchi and two other former Marriott officials, Mr Gary Wilson and Mr Frederic Malek, are reported to be seeking financing to make an all-cash offer for the hotel and casino concern. Mr Malek was also involved in the NWA

The former Marriott officials apparently believe their experience could help them in running Hilton — possibly by selling off hotels and contracting to manage them instead as Marriott has done over the last docade

A combined effort with Japan Air Lines or another se concern interested in certain Hilton assets is also

Up to 300

jobs cut at

GrandMet

Up to 300 jobs are to go at

Grand Metropolitan following

a restructuring of the group's

retailing operations. Seventy

further sites, mainly small hotels and Berni Inns, are also

GrandMet is forming a pub

company, which will look after its Chef & Brewer, Clif-

ton Inns and Berni chains, and

a separate high street res-

taurant division, which will be

responsible for the Old Or-

leans, Pastificio, Pizzaland

and Perfect Pizza operations.

cant saving in the central services and cost structure, the

Howard drops

Howard Holdings, a property

developer, has suffered a near 25 per cent fall in pre-tax

profits to £1.21 million in the

six months to end-October.

Turnover dropped by £414,000 to £5.03 million. The

interim dividend stays at 0.6p

on earnings per share of 3.1p

\$2m job for BT

Tymnet, British Telecom's

newly-acquired subsidiary, has won a \$2 million contract

switched data network for the

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property prices. Offers for Hilton came in far lower than expected, reportedly in the \$90-a-share range, with Japanese buyers apparently mak-But the takeover climate ing no bids despite earlier At the time, analysts estimated the 48 million shares of for deals involving real estate, interest in "trophy" properties such as the Hilton's Waldorf Hilton common stock might because of the softening of Astoria on Manhattan's Park

Avenue. After a two-day meeting last week, the Hilton board decided to ignore existing buyout offers while it attempted to negotiate a better deal or come up with a restructuring plan. Queens Moat Houses, which recently launched a near £200 million bid for Norfolk Capital, another hotels group, yesterday paid £13.3 million for two hotels in West Germany, announced

Among the bids now on the table is believed to be a cash and securities offer by JMB Realty Corp, based in Chi-cago, and another proposal by Miller-Klutznic-Davis-Gray, based in Denver, the real estate investment vehicle of the Los Angeles investor Mr Marvin Davis.

At least one other company is also believed to have made an offer. The proposals are reported to be close to \$80 a

JAL has expressed interest and owner of hotels in continental Europe. The hotel in Dusseldorf will cost £12 million and have 167 bedrooms with banqueting and conference centres. Dalgety rises to £57.1m



Strategic review of the business: Manrice Warren yesterday

By Matthew Bond

Dalgety, the crisps to pot noodle group, has revealed a 10.4 per cent increase in pretax profits. In the six months to December the group made a pre-tax profit of £57.1 million. Mr Maurice Warren, who took over as chief executive last October, said the group had embarked on a strategic review of its businesses aimed at lifting the company's earnings into the top quartile of the food sector.

That process began last year with the £87 million sale of the commodities business Gill & Duffus. But as Mr Warren indicated: "We're still looking hard at the group to see whether there are any di-visions that could be strengthened by acqusition or whether there are more divestments that can be made."

Mr Warren admitted that the outlook for Dalgety's Australian subsidiary Dalgety Farmers was not promising, but it was too early to say whether the 65 per centowned subsidiary might form part of a disposal programme.

Trading profits fell frac-tionally to £77.7 million, before the reduced interest charge due to the Gill & Duffus sale helped lift profits at the pre-tax level. The interim dividend followed the preincrease to 7.15p (6.5p).

Alliance Girobank link near completion

THE TIMES TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13 1990

By Neil Bennett

The Post Office has cleared one of the last regulatory hurdles in the sale of the Girobank to the Alliance and Leicester building society. It has disposed of its leasing business to the Norwich Union for £342 million.

After months of delays, the **Building Societies Commis**sion is now expected to give the go-ahead for Alliance's £130 million acquisition of the bank within a month.

Giroleasing and Post Office Finance (No.3), the businesses being sold to Norwich, were hived off from the rest of the bank last July, after it became clear that Alliance was forbidden to own them under the **Building Societies Act.**

Schroders, the merchant bank, put the leasing companies up for auction in September. Both specialize in leasing equipment such as fire engines to local authorities, and will complement Norwich's four corporate leasing businesses.

The acquisition, which is thought to be below asset value, will double Norwich's leasing book.
Alliance's planned acqui-

sition of Girobank, the first purchase of a bank by a building society, has thrown up a series of regulatory problems since it was announced last April.

In particular, the Alliance has needed to reorganize the bank's unsecured commercial lending to bring it into line with building society law. Now the Commission is

thought to be satisfied with

Slowdown in computers hits Orchid

By Our City Staff

Orchid Technology has suffered from a continued slowdown in the computer industry and turned in a loss of \$444,000 at the interim stage to December, compared with pre-tax profits of \$1.1 million. The California microcom-

puter firm decided to cease making a number of products in order to reduce costs in response to \$4.9 losses in the second half of last year. Staffing levels were cut 20 per cent, which cost about

\$100,000 in redundancy. Turnover dropped to \$11.6 million from \$15.1 million. Earnings per share of 13

per share of 5 cents, and again

there is no interim dividend.

COMMENT David Brewerton

The market warns off Ratner the retailer

on the first day of the account, not a good omen. Half was probably due to the miserable state of the market, where even the release of Nelson Mandela could not raise a bullish sentiment. The other 5p came off because Gerald Ratner even dared think about making a counter-offer for Dixons Group, the original Kingfisher bid for which is now in a state of suspended animation while the Monopolies Commission conducts an

Ratner has taken to thinking of himself (and, it must be said, his entire team) as a retailer rather than a jeweller, but it is clear from the share price reaction that his global view is not shared by the investment community. By and large, Ratners has done well by the City and the City has done well by Ratners. The company was backed by investors in the unique (I believe) ploy of launching a second rights issue before the first had closed. The shareholders were rewarded with a strong corporate performance from

the acquisitions they financed. So far, Ratner has barely put a foot

wrong. The original purchase of H Samuel business worked like a dream while the United States acquisitions have proved that the group can manage businesses in new geographical areas. But a move into massretailing electronic consumer products would be thought a bridge too far for Ratner, and it is hardly surprising that the backing simply was not there. In any case, a bid for Dixons at Stanley Kalms' asking price of 160p a share did not add up to anything but earnings dilution for Ratners, so it was a non-runner on those grounds too.

Ratners needs no backing to continue to build on its 30 per cent share of the British market. Acquisitions in jewellery are out of the question on monopoly grounds, so the growth has to be organic, which should be fundable from cash flow. But that does not mean that Ratners has to look for new areas of British retailing into which to expand. A far better avenue for growth lies in the United States, where there are still enough mom and pop jewellery stores to keep the group amused for years.

Gilts in German bondage

The devastation of the German government bond market continued yesterday with another fall of about a point in 10-year bonds, German reunification may be good for Chancellor Kohl's re-election prospects but in the short term it is making holders of German bonds feel horribly off-colour.

Gilts cannot expect to be immune to the events which are undermining the price of bunds (the German title for bonds)—nor have they been. Yesterday, prices in the UK fixed interest market drifted off another half a point, extending the weakness seen last week. The same has been true to a greater or lesser extent in France, the Netherlands and other European bond markets; all have fallen, though less than in Germany.

The spectre which is stalking the markets is German monetary union, and the effect which it may have on interest rates. German rates were already, on balance, expected to rise and this had been discounted by markets. The opening up of the economies of Eastern Europe is seen as likely to give a strong boost to an already rapidly growing German economy, increasing inflationary pressures.

On top of this the prospect of German monetary union, at a much earlier date than expected, has laid a new layer of monetary concern. According to Theo Waigel, the West German finance minister, a fully-fledged proposal will be put to Herr Hans Modrow, the East German brime minister, in Bonn today. Though many on the East German side would prefer a more extended courtship of German bonds - then a recovery

in their favour. The rate of emigration from the GDR is at such a level that desperate remedies are required to stem the flow.

Whether German monetary union will in fact be inflationary and what the Bundesbank's reaction will be are still uncertain - and it is that uncertainty as much as anything which is spooking the markets. It is probable that in East Germany as in other East European countries there has been a degree of 'forced saving" by consumers unable to find anything in the shops to consume. Nobody knows how big this monetary overhang may be. But the entire East German money supply is only about 15 per cent of West German M3, equating Ostmarks for Deutschmarks on a onefor-one basis. And 5 to 1 looks a more likely conversion rate than 1 to 1.

The difficulties in the Bundesbank's situation were exposed last week when Karl Otto Pohl, the president, appeared to stand on his head, calling the idea of monetary union fantastic at the beginning of the week and seeming to accept it by the end of the week. Raising interest rates as a pre-emptive move will be even more difficult politically than at other times in the context of a matter of such acute national importance, With or without a rise in interest

rates, bunds are beginning to look good value. A real return of about 51/2 per cent is attractive for German paper. Unless one believes that Germany's low inflation record is about to falter - a matter of much wider concern than to holders to this shotgun marriage, events are not seems likely once the outlook is clearer.

Former chief of Glaxo | Peter Black edges up

merger between Medirace, the former Third Market-quoted Mr Taylor, aged 55, resign-company, and Evans Health-ed from Glaxo last May after care, a £27 million managecompany, and Evans Healthment buyout from Glaxo. three years as chief executive joined the full list last month,

to half-year £5.25m

By Jeremy Andrews

Spencer and other leading stores, has raised its interim dividend by 18 per cent to million in the six months to flected high interest rates. December 2 and earnings per 6.92p. Sales actually fell by and toiletries division to

Mr Bernard Taylor, former been in charge of Glaxo's US Peter Black, which supplies cosmetics and toiletries was chief executive of Glaxo, Brit-operations. footwear, home furnishings not enough to offset com-and toiletries to Marks and pletely a setback in footwear and homeware and furniture.

Destocking by customers caused lower sales of imported 0.77p, although pre-tax profits footwear, and sales of home rose only 4 per cent to £5.25 furnishings and furniture re-Continued capital invest-

share rose only 4 per cent to ment enabled the cosmetics £275,000 to £73.5 million in achieve strong growth in the period as an upturn in profits. Tempus, page 22

takes over at Medeva By Our City Staff

ain's biggest pharmaceuticals company, will today become executive chairman of Medeva, the fast-growing drugs company formerly known as Medirace.

and 27 years' service, when the company gave his job to Mr Ernest Mario, who had were up 2p to 95p.

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Stock Group, the private cli-

Cloak and dagger by

Mr Taylor will accept the

chairmanship today and un-

veil his plans for the group, the product of a £57.9 million

Shares in Medeva, which

The abortive offer by Ratners turned serious the day King-

ent stockbroking offshoot of John Gunn's British & Commonwealth, which was launched last October and contains the continuing businesses of Hoare Govett, Stock Beech and Campbell Neill, has expanded further by acquiring the private client business of Chase Manhattan Securities. Joining the group as a result is one Count Mark Pejacsevich, who has enviable qualifica-tions for his post of invest-ment director in charge of the international department. Formerly head of cross-border sales, Count Pejacsevich's first experience of a cross-border deal was when he was smug-gled out of Hungary in 1947 while acting as interpreter for the British military after his estates were confiscated by the Communists. He returned to

Russian words

his homeland for the first time

in December, and will be

paying particular attention,

democratic elections since the

War, in March, and to its

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The latest refugees from behind what was once the Iron Curtain, a Soviet delegation, have just arrived on these shores to learn the ways of capitalism. Their itinerary includes the Stock Exchange, Lloyd's, the Bank of England and, yesterday, 3i, the venture and, yesterday, They were which its author, Winston Branson, Sir Terence Conran treated to a presentation by



Pearl of a friendship

for Dixons would have been fisher launched a hostile 120pthe second deal between the a-share bid. Ratner says: "Our for Dixons would have been the second deal between the second deal between the a-share bid. Ratner says: "Our two companies, according to Gerald Ratner, the king of the even approached my father to high street jewellers. There has been a certain amount of surprise at the extent of Ratner's generosity towards his old friend Stanley Kalms. But he says the 160p price came after 18 months of informal talks between the two, over many lunches, which finally

do a deal 20 years ago." Louis Ratner started building the family jewellery business after World War II just as Kalms joined the photographic studio set up by his father Charles. Indeed, the Ratners chain was largely modelled on Dixons, Rather claims. the marketing director, Chris Woodward, on the import-

ance of a free market structure to venture capitalism, the incentivizing of managers and the management buyout — in fluent Russian. Chris was part of an experiment in the 1960s whereby schoolchildren were encouraged to learn a difficult language. He kept up his expertise during economic studies when he specialized on the Soviet economy. "I've hardly spoken a word in the intervening 20 years," he admits. "But it did cut down on translation time."

Creative lines

Creative People, due out next month, is one of those slim tomes packed with the blindingly obvious so beloved of management consultants and the world of advertising, from Fletcher, comes. Fletcher has and the Saatchi brothers.

set up not one but two advertising agencies, including his current billet, the snappilytitled Delaney, Fletcher, Slay-maker, Delaney & Bozell. The book claims to explore "the subtle, sensitive and often stormy relationships between those who earn their living by selling their talents to organizations and the organizations which employ them," which would seem to include most of us, including the driver of the number 10 bus. The name-dropped include Sir Ralph Halpern, with an uncharacter-

istically bland quote, and David Puttnam - "pretentiousness and preciousness drive me mad," he says. Of most interest is spotting how many of the 13 richest creative talents have seen their personal fortunes plummet of late. Among those featured are Sir Bernard Ashley, Richard

Doom and salvation

Sentiment among US inves-

tors is now at its most pessi-

mistic since June 1982, just before the start of the 1980s bull market, according to a study that reaches Wall Street investment houses this week. This reflects a sharp reversal from the mood mid-December, when most professionals were optimistic about stock prices. Interest rates in the US are mostly blamed, and investors are now braced nervously for more bad news, according to Michael Burke, editor of Investors Intelligence, New York-based publisher of a weekly survey of investor sentiment. But wait - in a perverse way overwhelming despondency on Wall Street is often good news, just as wide-spread optimism often accompanies market peaks. Many money managers use figures like this as a backwards indicator for prices. When the number of bullish advisers drops to its current level then, they say, stock prices can generally be expected to push upwards. Says David Dreman, founder of the money management firm Dreman Value Management: "When you get under 30 per cent for the bullish side you probably have a rally

• If the Thundering Herd rides to the rescue of Drexel Burnham Lambert, and the former junk bond king now looking for a partner merges with Merrill Lynch, will they be called Lynch and Burn-

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Dow slumps following US broker's problems

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New York (Renter) — The Dow Jones industrial average was 21 points lower at 2,627.20 in late afternoon.

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WORLD MARKETS

SA shares fall after Mandela speech

Johannesburg (Reuter) -Shares closed nervously lower following statements by Mr Nelson Mandela after his long-awaited release from prison on Sunday.

Dealers said the market was confused by his speech in Cape Town which praised President F W de Klerk's re-cent reforms while reaffirming the demands of the African

National Congress.

Mr Mandela's subsequent statement that he supports the ANC policy of nationalizing vital sectors of the economy, including mines, added to the confusion, as highlighted by wild fluctuations in the financial rand, But trading was

The overall share index fell to a preliminary close of 3.271 from Friday's 3,341 and the all-gold index to 2,091 from 2,172, with added help from a listless gold price and exdividend situations in some leading shares. The industrial index eased

to 3,150 from 3,178. Randfontein lost R2.50 at

Among other minings, De Beers, the diamond group, shed 85 cents at R69.25 while platinums saw Impala down a rand at R75. Rustenburg, also ex-dividend, fell R3 to R79. But Palamin, a copper share firmed R1.50 to R55 against

 Frankfurt - The DAX index plunged by 58.25 points, or 3.1 per cent, to a midday low of 1,827.64, but it later regained half its losses to end at 1,860.39 - only 25.50 below Friday's close

Shares fell sharply in moderate dealings amid continuing worries about the West German bond market. Dealers, noting that many orders had emerged at the

day's lowest levels, said that the market seemed poised to ● Hong Kong — The Hang Seng index rose by just 0.76 to 2.894.66. The broader-based

Hong Kong index gained 0.71 to 1,899.53. Prices were slightly firmer at the close. Last week, the Hang Seng index gained more than 150 points, or 5.75 per cent. Turnover shrank to
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HK\$1.52 billion.

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lown at 1,623.5. The market closed lower as concern about the high debt levels of several companies continued to overhang the market. Brokers said that the market was directionless, with Japan closed and no trading.

● Singapore — Hefty gains in some shares lifted the Stratts
Times industrial index by 12.25 to a record 1,593.77. The group lifted interim profits by 23 per cent to Aus-\$153.26 million (£68.1 million) from Aus\$125 million. Sales rose by 18 per cent to Aus\$2.58 billion from Aus\$2.18 billion in the previous Shares closed firmer in moderate trading on selective buy-ing of Singapore-based blue chips and finance stocks. 65-19 ● Tokyo — The market was corresponding period, helped of Aus\$17.8 million. closed for a public holiday.

Prices depressed by Drexel

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Drexel Burnham Lambert confirmed what traders had feared all day — that the collapse of the junk bond market was causing serious liquidity problems on Wall Street

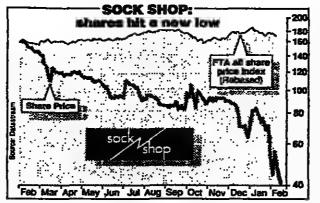
London prices had drifted steadily throughout the day although selling was minimal with just 338.5 million shares traded. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its lowest level, 26.7 points down at 2,286.9, while the FT index of 30 shares shed 20.1 to 1,810.6. The slide accelerated in late

trading as the news that Drexel was looking for an injection of capital or a merger partner came through. Government securities suffered falls of about £1/2 at the

longer end, still reflecting further losses in the West German bond market in the wake of talk about reunification. The Bundesbank is due to meet on Thursday and there are fears that West German interest rates may be

Telecom eased 3p to 302p, awaiting Thursday's thirdquarter figures. BICC also suffered a fall before rallying R30, while Vaal Reefs, a to close 8p lower at 437p on heavyweight gold share trading ex-dividend, fell R20 to order book shrink because of a cut-back in orders by BT. The mark-down left Lasmo 14p cheaper at 604p. ICI was

unchanged at £10.69. Sock Shop, the troubled specialist retailer headed by



further 7p to 41p after last week's losses of almost £4 million. The group is still in talks about a refinancing package. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, said

Guizness fell 7p to 633p. Daiwa, the Japanese securities boose, a nending the shares as a buy. LVMH has said it wants to double its 12 per cent holding in the company and Dalwa believes that Guinness could provide European (und managers with a cheap way into LVMH.

that the company is paying the price of a too-rapid expansion with scant regard for the balance sheet. It gave a warning that the problems will not disappear - even with a

arrangement - and that the shares could fall further. Filefax also lost 2p to 351/2p after giving a warning about a second-half trading loss. This follows a first-half deficit. There have been reports that the group is looking for a merger partner.

(STOCK MARKET)

Dixons, the high street electrical retailer, improved 2p to 1281/2p, cheered by the news that Ratners, the jeweller, had attempted to put together the finance for a rescue bid of 160p a share. The move had been thwarted by several City institutions, who pulled out

late in the day.

Kinglisher's 120p-a-share offer for Dixons was referred to the Monopolies Commission last month. Ratners finished 10p lower at 239p and Kingfisher eased 2p to 274p. Dalgety slipped 5p to

million to £57.1 million.

The bid speculation surrounding the Royal Bank of Scotland continued to fade with the price easing 11/2p to 187p. Last Friday, the Scottish Equitable announced that it had bought a 5 per cent stake in the bank. Dealers inter-preted this as a defensive move by Royal Bank which took the speculators by surprise.

Other clearing banks fol-lowed the rest of the market lower ahead of their dividendreporting season this month. Barclays eased 10p to 554½p, Lloyds 10p to 278½p, Mid-land 6p to 365p and National Westminster 6p to 336½p. The market remains over-

British Airways' shares slipped 11/2p to 195p ahead of its third-quarter figures which are being released NatWest WoodMac, the broker, is telling its clients that the recent weakness in the share price presents them with an "excellent" opportunity to buy.

shadowed by the spectre of Third World debts and the extent of tax relief that the Inland Revenue is prepared to

Sketchley surged 18p to

378½p despite reporting in-terim figures at the upper end of expectations. These showed pre-tax profits up from £51.7 and pre-tax profits up later bought Sunlight Laundries. Sketchley later fell back to 382p. Godfrey Davis fin-ished 9p lower at 148½p.

On the USM, trading ery, the independent brewer. Placed at 70p, the shares opened at 78p before settling

at 76p — a premium of 6p. Elsewhere in the brewery sector, Grand Metropolitan fell 7p to 586p in response to the news of the proposed reorganization of the retailing operations.

The threat of continued violence by the ANC in its fight to gain power - and the prospect of wholesale nationalization when it does saw the big South African gold producers marked sharply lower. Falls were reported among the heavyweights — Anglo American down £2 to £71.75, Driefontein 74p to 908p, Harmony 30p to 765p, Kinross 12½p to £12.12, St. Heless 26p to 740p. Sarth Helena 86p to 749p, Southvaal £1 to £33% and Vaal Reefs £3.50 to £72.75.

Pressac, the electronics group, dipped 6p to 68p in the wake of an article in *The Times* highlighting details of an acquisition requiring its shareholders' approval in 10 days' time.

Michael Clark

Lowndes Queensway holders back £70m rescue package

Lowndes Queensway shareholders have approved the £70 million rescue package devised by its bankers to stop the group from becoming insolvent. At a meeting yesterday which lasted only a matter of minutes shareholders voted unanimously to pass the resolution.

About 50 people were at the meeting in Kent, including a number of Lowndes employees, but no questions were asked. One notable absentee was the outgoing chairman Mr James Gulliver who resigned from the board after the meeting. Mr Norman Ireland,

the meeting. The company's the company's projections. It shares are trading at 6p. Lowndes's bankers are keeping a close watch on the company. Mr Ireland and Mr Eddie Dayan, chief executive, will meet the banks monthly

An insurance policy safeguarding customers' deposits is to be put in place, worth up to £15 million. Lowndes will pay a £1.5 million premium for this.

weekly basis.

company's finance director,

side Australia increased to Aus\$867 million, representing

33.5 per cent of total sales and

31.9 per cent of profit before

The fully franked interim

dividend goes up by Aus2 cents to Aus9.5 cents, taking

the dividend payout to

Aus\$67.1 million, an increase

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Lowndes's new chairman, led month sales are in line with supplied by Silentnight from Dorlux and Rest Assured and

and give sales figures on a and financial controls in place million debt has been delayed until March 1993 when £2.5

million has to be repayed. with £7.5 million due six months later and £10 million due in March 1994. By Mr David Tibble, the September that year the group will have to repay the remain-

Mr Ireland, who is with the

group until November, is

helping to put new operational

Pacific Dunlop rises Handley buys Batalas in to half-year £68.1m £850,000 deal

Handley-Walker Group, the USM management consultancy, has acquired Betalas, which specializes in quality management consultancy, for £850,000 in cash and shares. Batalas will operate independently within the group. Mr Peter Smith, chairman of Handley-Walker, said the merger creates one of Europe's

largest consultancy practices. Batalas, which made pre-tax profits of £120,000 in the nine months to end-December and has net assets of £450,000, is a

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Profits of Pacific Dunlop, the by improved market share for

Australian rubber goods its international businesses maker, grew strongly in the half-year to December 31 despite softening demand for some products because of an overall deterioration in retail







BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Three-point appeal against Bond receiver

Mr Alan Bond's appeal against the appointment of receivers to his Australian brewing assets will begin in earnest next

The appeal, adjourned until February 21, is on three points that a banking syndicate led by National Australia Bank had failed to show that the brewing assets were in jeopardy; that Justice Beach failed to take into account the harm done by the appointment of a receiver on December 29, that there was a legal argument over whether or not a court could appoint receivers when a creditor's claim was disputed.

£281,000

Essex Furniture, the manufacturer and retailer of upholstered furniture which came to the USM hast October, reports a 14.2 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £281,000 in the six months to end-December, Turnover rose from £1.54 million to £1.55 million. Earnings per share climb from 2.26p to 2.28p and there is an interim

Essex rises to Profits ahead at Fairway

Fairway, the computer and business stationery company, raised pre-tax profits £201,000 to £756,000, on £201,000 to £750,000, on 13.2 per cent higher turnover at £5.8 million, during the year to end-December. Dividends for the year increased to 2.75p from 2.5p by way of recommended final of 1.75p (1.5p), on earnings per share of 3.8p, up from 2.7p last

Automagic declines

Pre-tax profits at Automagic Holdings, the USM shoe repair-to-dry cleaning company, fell from £173,000 to £35,000 in the 24 weeks to October 14. The company said trading was affected by the exceptional dry weather conditions during the summer, transport strikes, high interest rates and increased occupancy costs. Sales rose only 5.5 per cent to £4.98 million. Earnings per share slamped to 0.4p, against 2p last time, but the interim dividend is maintained at 2.25p. Shee repair to gold and page was a saw of the content of the con

sales did not reach expected levels, but key cutting saw further growth and London Valeting, the dry cleaning subsidiary, had increased turnover.

Hardy makes Caparo in acquisition

Speakman, the environmental services company which makes products for water purification, has sold Wynmouth Lehr, the spe-cialized chemical trading business, to the MW Hardy Group, a private company which trades in speciality chemicals. Wynmouth Lehr, which recently traded at shout break-even,was sold for an estimated £500,000.

\$39m US buy

Caparo Industries is extending its steel manufacturing interests in North America through a \$39 million ac-quisition of Bock Industries. The Indiana-based Bock makes structural steel tubing. Caparo is paying \$32 million and assuming debts of \$7 million for Bock which reported a pre-tax income of \$5.4 million to its last trading year to June 1988.

Filofax no nearer link with suitable partner

Filofax, the ailing USMquoted company, is no closer to finding a partner to help strengthen the business than it was six months ago, despite talks with several groups including Pentland Industries. the Reebok shoe company,

which is also keen to diversify. l'entland made a £180 million offer for Parker Pen just over a year ago but the deal fell through at the eleventh hour when some institutional shareholders in Parker withdrew only hours before the deal was signed. Since then it ::// has been looking for another branded product to add a new

leg to the business.
But Mr David Collischon, chairman of Filofax who yesterday warned that the group would make a loss in the second half, said he would not consider selling the business simply for an attractive price.
"We are looking for a partner who will bring something to the party. Someone who

shares our view of the product "We might consider someone who has a good distribution network overseas, for instance, but we are keeping an open mind about a potential partner. We have had talks with several parties but there is no one in the frame at the moment." He said that W H Smith was probably not the right partner. "They do not seem to be buying manufacturers," he said.

Filofax reported a loss of £554,000 in the first half and yesterday said there would be a further loss for the second half. Phillips & Drew expects the loss for the year to December to be around £1 million. The board has not yet decided whether to maintain the dividend.

Mr Collischon said Christmas had come late with a rush was no need for a refinancing

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Expecting to report a loss in the second half: David Collischon, chairman of Filofax

which fell 2p to 36p yesterday,

cent of its sales in the four cent of the group's shares. Problems with the supply of leather for the new pocket Filofax also affected the business although sales of the new product have gone well and now account for 10 per cent of the group's total revenue.

Mr Collischon said there for Filofaxes in the week as the group's gearing is less before December 25. Northan 30 per cent. He and his

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but Mr Collischon says on the whole he does not regret market for Filofaxes floating the company and has mits that the price will no plans to take it private. He come down and that said his bankers and sharepetiton is strong. The g looking to diversify holders continued to support the group. Mr Collischon said into publishing. WORLD MARKET INDICES

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Hartwell predicts 19% rise in profit

Hartwell, the Oxford motor distributor, has launched its long-awaited defence document to the £151 million bid from the Jameel Group of Saudi Arabia.

The shares edged ahead 1p to 142p on the news - 6p

above the offer. Hartwell, chaired by Mr Peter Huggins, is forecasting pre-tax profits up 19 per cent to £12.4 million for the year to the end of this month and a dividend increased by 16 per cent to after ded developi bid valu



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Hoteliers make bookings for eastern bloc growth

Melinda Wittstock discovers that as European barriers fall, groups have realized there are not enough hotels

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to meet growing demand for travel

omentous change in eastern Europe and the Soviet Union has provoked unprecedented demand for more, and better, hotel accommodation, as growing numbers of tourists and businessmen, keen to explore new markets, head

British hoteliers, many who had been concentrating on pre-1992 western European expansion, have now woken up to opportunities in the east. There are simply not nearly enough hotels to meet growing demand, with many travellers describing those that do exist as shabby, badly-managed and grossly under-invested.

As growth in demand for British hotels slows to half the level seen in the 1980s, large British hotel companies are opting to bolster their ambitions by setting up joint ventures and management contracts in Moscow and most of the eastern European capitals.

Plans to move into Moscow have already been signalled by Britain's biggest hoteliers, with Mr Rocco Forte's Trusthouse Forte, Ladbroke which operates the Hilton International chain outside the US - and Bass, which owns 1,389 Holiday Inns worldwide, leading the way.

Ladbroke will shortly announce a joint venture agreement to convert an existing residential and hotel complex near the Kremlin into a fivestar Hilton, while Trusthouse Forte, Britain's leading hotel and catering group, is close to finalizing two joint ventures for five-star hotels in the Soviet capital.

Bass has confirmed it plans to join the fray by opening up a Holiday Inn in Moscow.

But hotels analysts say only these large players, which are solely interested in opening up luxury hotels, will have sufficient capital to take advantage of the opportunities.

Mr Paul Slattery, a hotels development in eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, particularly in the much-need middle market sector, will not be seen until the latter half of the 1990s, after British, US and western European hoteliers have first made their mark on the continent.

He said: "It will be some time before the builders and developers - mainly the Austrians and the Swiss - have done the work necessary to see a mass expansion of UK hoteliers in the East.

"We won't see



Moscow moves: Rocco Forte's THF group is already negotiating two joint ventures in Russia

alone. Even if you arrive in Budapest with suitcases full of money wanting to open up a hotel, continuing labyrinthine bureaucracy may hold up your plans for three to four years."

Trusthouse Forte, the first to investigate opportunities in the Soviet Union, has been at the negotiating table for more than a year. It said it hoped to announce the joint ventures shortly, even though the sites of the two Moscow THF hotels have not yet been chosen.

Mr Richard Power, a THF director, said the group was concentrating on identifying opportunities to open up eastluxury hotels, which include the Hyde Park Hotel in London, the Ritz in Madrid and the George V in Paris. It has already agreed to renovate and manage Poland's most famous hotel, the 208-room Bristol on the main boulevard

The restoration of the Bristol, which first opened in 1901 but closed in the 1980s after falling into disrepair, is a joint venture between THF - with a 55 per cent share and management control - and Orbas, Poland's state-owned tourist agency, with 45 per cent. But

expand into two- to four-star hotels, said Mr Power.

Ladbroke, which already operates the 323-room fivestar Hilton in Budapest, also said it is only interested in opening luxury hotels geared to the business travellers in eastern Europe. It is in advanced negotiations for a ho-tel in Warsaw while it investigates other opportunities in Prague and throughout East Germany.

But despite such concentration on the luxury market, there are some hoteliers poised to make a move for the riskier middle market.

the British operator that is bidding £176 million for Norfolk Capital, is understood to be negotiating joint ventures throughout eastern Europe which will involve the creation of threeand four-star hotels aimed primarily at business travellers. It is to use its large presence in West Germany as

a springboard into the East. profits can immediately be repairiated back to Britain. names with 100 p
"It's not a question of management control.

reasons of negotiating delays there are no plans as yet to attempting to turn roubles into hard currency, the dilemma facing McDonalds which has chosen to sell its food in Moscow in roubles,

THF's Mr Power said. Mr Michael Hirst, who took over from Mr John Jarvis last week as Hilton International chairman and chief executive, said: "We wouldn't be interested in eastern Europe or the Soviet Union unless we were certain we could nego-tiate the repatriation of hard currency back to the UK. The new Hiltons will operate in hard currency and be 100 per cent controlled by us."

Mr Power added: "As hotel in a proper stake and long term commitment. We don't iust want our name hung over the door with a franchise agreement. We are after 50-year joint ventures in which we have total control over operamaterials used for food."

The British boteliers say they plan to look at refurbishment as well as new construcerly moves will operate their in franchising. They believe hotels in hard currency so expansion is not worth doing unless they can live up to their names with 100 per cent

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nically bankrupt

Amend rating injustices before it is too late From Mr T. R. Lawrence further payment of two times
Sir, As a rating surveyor I have the Community Charge.

come across many cases of come across many cases of Not all shopkeepers wish to the writing may be on the wall small shopkeepers who initially rejoiced that their new 1990 rating assessment sug-gested little increase in the rates payable, or even a reduc-

However, they have since been shattered to learn that unusable upper floor residential accommodation, inaccessible other than by through the shop premises, will carry a

Unwilling hosts

From Mr Michael Bryant and Mr Mark Rittner Sir, Eleven months ago, you published a letter from us (February 28) in which we drew attention to the unsatisfactory consequences of provisions of Section 44 of the Financial Services Act 1986 were being developed in relation to tied agents. We suggested that "Appointed Representative" status should be limited to individuals or businesses directly owned or controlled by host offices.

Sadly, the Homes Assured and Garston Amhurst scandals seem only to reinforce the case which we then made, Clearly a number of host offices are unable or unwilling or even, dare we say, (so motivated by new business greed), to dare to police the activities of tied agents which they neither own nor control. The time has come for LAUTRO (or is it SIB?) to amend the rules so that all activities of all tied agents are the direct responsibility of their host offices. Yours faithfully. MICHAEL BRYANT and MARK RITTNER

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Rathbone Life and Pensions

From R. J. Clothier Sir, Yesterday, wanting a \$500 International Money Order, I took five \$100 notes to a bank in Oxford.

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"Money-changers" have had few friends over the centuries and I think that I saw why! Yours faithfully R. J. CLOTHIER. 18 Somerton House Dukes Road, WC1.

Subsidy a burden

From Mr Rodney Atkinson Sif. Pof a socialist to reco mend State subsidy of childcare for working mothers is understandable, if misconceived. That Rodney Lord (The Times, January 27) should recommend this course to a Conservative government is extraordinary.

He compares the childcare ubsidy with separate taxation of husband and wife, but this is a fallacious comparison. The second equalises the tax treatment of husbands, wives and single people. The first is an arbitrary subsidy to mothers and married couples paid

the coffin for many for whom

them twice over is manifestly should be done to amend unfair in such circumstances these injustices before it's too and will be a contributory factor to an increasing number of business failures, emoty shops and resultant

Another unfairness is that Local Authorities will be required to charge rates on empty business premises,

Bankers' error

From Mr John W.G. Inge Sir, Have the banks got it wrong yet again? As the banks rush to make bad-debt pro-vision for their "Third-world" loans, are they looking across the Atlantic to see the US banks getting into severe tronble with the collapse of the house market in many parts of the country. The Lemming-like rush to

buy houses in the UK at ever inflated prices over the past few years, egged on by the cash stuffed banks and building societies, has left a situation where ever increasing numbers of mortgagers are either in serious arrears or are actually having their homes The banks don't seem to be

the only ones to have got it wrong, at the height of the house buying speculative bubble the insurance companies rushed out to buy up every estate seent in sight with the resulting losses now showing up in their accounts.

The attitude of the house The Old Farm, buying public has started to change for they see the "For signs up for months Worcs.

Strain on low paid From Mr B. W. Saunders

Sir. I must draw attention to the use of the term "inflation" which is highlighted by reports of the latest Public Sector Pay The retail price index (RPI)

is widely used in the award of pay increases. This index is based on the expenditure of the entire population. It does not and cannot equate to the inflation rate for

individuals because of varying expenditure profiles. A large proportion of the working population has suf-

fered huge increases in mortgage interest payments. The resultant personal rate of inflation, say for mid 1988/89, may be considerably

higher than the RPI, even as February 5. With over 1.5 million nnemployed in a country with necessary, finance their own one of the highest work childcare. participation rates (74 per cent of the working age group in employment), it is retraining

of the unskilled and unemployed workforce and labour saving investment which is required, not further burdens on the increasingly shaky foundations of family life. Lord's claim, that without State intervention, industry

would not see its "own best interests so clearly", is reminiscent of the worst aspects of post-war British socialism. The market will naturally react to any labour shortages and people, with or without

clear debt From Mr G. H. Wigglesworth

and Mr Alan Turner Sir. Your correspondent.
David Young reports (on the growth of credit abuse on which Mr Harry Kleeman, chairman of the CBI's smaller these injustices before it's too firms council, has expressed

> For the small firm failure to honour a debt within the stated time by a firm with which business has been done is critical; not only can it lead to further borrowing at current high interest rates or even liquidation, but time of directors or partners in pursuing debtors, when they could be better occupied in the work of their businesses, which can seriously interfere with eff-

his serious concern.

Civil way to

Britain would benefit from civil procedure similar to that in use in West Germany. This is the "reminder proceed ings" (mahnverfahren) which can best be described as a summary procedure.

Once a claim for payment has fallen due the claimant, can submit to the courts a standard form setting out prudent lending requiring details of the debt; this con-further bad-debt provision. stitutes a request for the court. to issue a "notice to pay" (mahnbescheid). The applica-tion will be dealt with by a court official, and if he is satisfied that the submission is formally correct he will issue a notice to pay.

The debtor has two weeks to lodge an objection; if there is none, the applicant can apply for a "notice of enforcement" (vollstrekkungsbeschied) which can include the costs suffered by him in pursuing these procedures. If an objection is lodged within the time laid down, the matter will proceed as a normal court. action. These reminder procedures appear to offer substantial advantages to the creditor in that they are cheap, relatively simple and are a speedy way to obtain an enforceable title.

At a time when small businesses are being encouraged by the Government it is high time that action should be taken against those not meet-ing their bills by specified dates. The small firm is always reluctant to go to law and the debtor firms know it.

Yours faithfully, G. H. WIGGLESWORTH and ALAN TURNER, Alan Turner and Associates 5 Cochrane House. Admirals Way,

Isle of Dogs, E14. respond to higher pay and if Tax information

From Miss Flona McFarlane If government subsidise (January 30) that the Inland certain people, then others — Revenue does provide an who may be equally or more valuable to industry - will be information service in Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, Dorset and Cornwall as well as the Like all State subsidies a

rest of the United Kingdom. childcare allowance would disadvantage some in order to In fact people can call any of finance the privileges of oththe 600-plus tax offices listed in the telephone directories ers, distort the labour market, under Inland Revenue, indestroy the institution subsidcluding the 104 offices men-tioned specifically in our ised (the family) and be a burden on the whole economy. It has no place in Conservative FIONA MCFARLANE RODNEY E. B. ATKINSON.

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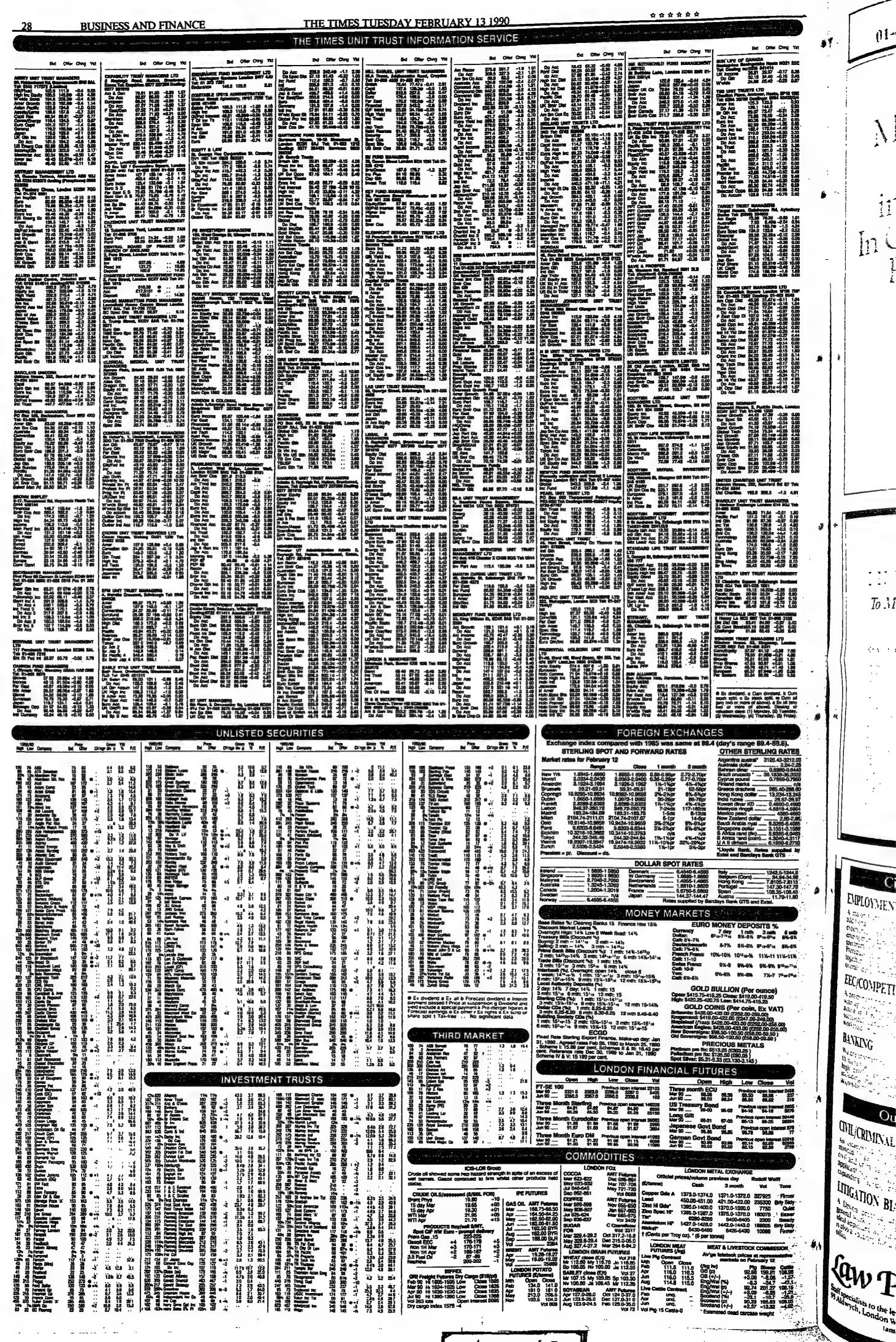
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Penalties without a plan

he rejection in the White Paper on criminal jus-tice last week of a sentencing council will number of pressure groups who believe such a body would provide the answers to two of the most pressing problems of the criminal justice system the growth of prison numbers and disparity of sentences imposed on offenders.

But what is the basis of this belief? A sentencing council is something of a penological unicorn; many have heard of one, but nobody has seen one in action. Not one Commonwealth jurisdiction, whose sentencing laws re-semble those here, has set up such a council, and the experience of American jurisdictions, which have appointed sentencing commissions in a very different context, indicates that expectations are not always fulfilled.

In some cases, the different backgrounds of the various commissioners lead to fundamental disagreements, which have made coherent policies impossible to achieve. In others, the guidelines of commissions have been vetoed by the legislature. Some of the guideline systems that took effect, such as those of Pennsylvania, would not satisfy supporters of a sentencing council; they specify wide judicial dis-cretion, subject to mandatory minimum sentences. The only state system (in Minnesota) reLEGAL BRIEF

Many people are disappointed that the proposal for a sentencing council has

been rejected. But David A. Thomas questions its role

garded as reasonably successful relies on a crude grid, which groups cases simply by reference to the legal definition of the offence and "criminal history score", calculated on the numberof previous convictions.

The more sophisticated system produced by the United States Sentencing Commission for the federal criminal courts avoids some of these criticisms. But it mostly produces sentences much more severe than would be passed here for equivalent offences.

How would a sentencing council work? Assuming agreement on who should appoint its members, there would doubtless be a judge as chairman and representatives of interested constitutencies, both from the police and probation service. Unanimity would not necessarily come easily.

What form would the guidelines to provide detailed instructions for every conceivable case, or broad general principles leaving much to the interpretation of the sentencer? And, most crucial, there is the question of what authority the guidelines would

have and how they would be promulgated. Advisory guide-lines, which were not legally binding, might be published by the council (rather as the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board publishes suggested starting points for compensation in personal injury cases). But these would have limited effect if sentencers

were free to ignore them. Mandatory guidelines, which sentencers were bound to follow, would necessarily be promulgated as statutory instruments, requiring parliamentary approval.

iven the high level of political interest they would generate, it is easy to imagine the difficulties they would encounter in this process, with the result that the council would tailor its guidelines to a shape that would find political favour.

But whatever their form, th practical effect guidelines would have would depend, ultimately, on the extent to which they attracted the support of the higher judiciary. Sentencing commissions in the American jurisdic-

tions have been created to fill a void left by the reluctance of American appellate courts to take sentencing seriously, few Ameri-can jurisdictions have any significant tradition of appellate review of sentences or accumulated case law on sentencing. But a sentenc-ing council in England would be a direct competitor of the Court of Appeal, which would always have the last word.

Advisory guidelines would de-pend entirely for their effect on being adopted by the Court of Appeal; mandatory guidelines would require interpretation and application to particular cases. So if senior judges were implacably opposed to a sentencing council or to its guidelines, there is not much hope of its achieving the objects its proponents seek.

The Court of Appeal is a familiar institution whose strengths and deficiencies can be messed on the basis of evidence. the sentencing council is an unclaims made for it owe everything to hope and nothing to experience. There is undoubtedly a need for a more considered approach to the

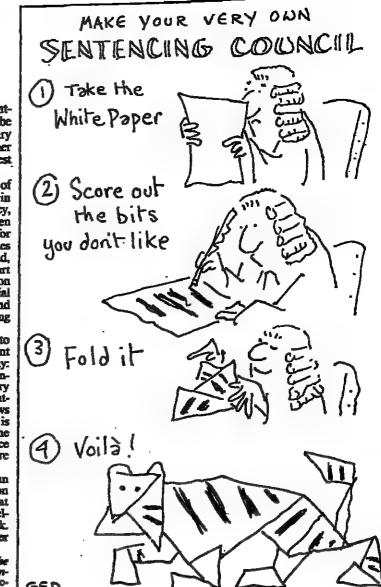
encing policy, which cannot be achieved by direct perliamentary legislation. But evolution rather than revolution may be the best way to get it.

In the past 10 years, the Court of Appeal has taken initiatives in formulating sentencing policy, and not all its guidance has been focused on custodial sentences for serious crimes. The guidelines dealing with social security fraud, in particular, show that the court is capable of tackling offences on the borderline between custodial and non-custodial sentences, and in lowering as well as raising

Yet there is a major obstacle to the development of a coherent sentencing policy in this way. Parliament's insistence on constant changes in the statutory framework under which sentencers operate; one statute follows another almost before the ink is dry, and the intervals between the invention of one form of sentence and its replacement by another are constantly reduced.

What is needed more than anything is a moratorium on sentencing legislation, so that coherent strategies can be developed within a settled framework. Unfortunately, the White Paper leaves no hope of that.

The author, a lecturer at the Institute of Criminology, Cam-bridge, is editor of Current Senteno-ing Practice.



Family Division

Law Report February 13 1990

Chancery Division

Sterilization sanction procedure explained

In se C Before Mr Justice Thorpe

[Judgment February 9] A note of advice issued by the Official Solicitor ([1989] 2 FLR 447) on the procedure to be

followed on seeking a declaration that the proposed steriliza-tion of a mentally bandicapped woman was lawful was not intended to be a mandatory

Mr Justice Thorpe so stated in open court in the Family Division after a hearing in chambers and giving general guidelines on the procedure to be followed on seeking such

Mr Roy Warne for the applicant, the patient's sister; Mr Michael Nicholls, solicitor, for the guardian ad litem.

MR JUSTICE THORPE said that in In re F (Mental Patient: Sterilization) ([1989] 2 WLR 1025, 1076) Lord Brandon of Oakbrook had said: "there will.

summons for directions heard by a judge, and it should be left to him to decide on the hearing of such summons, whether any and if so what further and more detailed directions should be given in the particular case

in cases of this kind, have to be a

His Lordship said that the registry on issuing an originating summons seeking such a declaration should fix a date for directions before a judge of the Family Division for the first late after the passage of

In that time the parties would be able to file evidence in accordance with Order 28 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. At that hearing the judge would be able to review the case.

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the case there and then without It had to be remembered that

the longer the litigation, the longer the period in which the patient might be exposed to risk. in case of emergency the originating summons could always be preceded by an ex parte hearing when on an undertaking to issue a an originating summons the court might consider abridging the time limits or dispensing with procedures as All the evidence including

expert evidence should be by affidavit whether adduced by the plaintiff or the Official Solicitor. Hearsay evidence or reports from other sources should be regreted as

The Official Solicitor should be free to present his case in the same way as the plaintiff and should not be under an obligation to submit a report. In response to In re F, the

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Official Solicitor drafted his note of advice, He also drafted a questionnaire and on receiving notice of any application for the specification of a patient it was The Official Solicitor, as well as acting as the guardian ad litem of the patient in most his practice to send a copy of the

note of advice and of the questionnaire to the plaintiff's The note of advice was not intended to be a mandatory

Paragraph 5 of the note suggested that there would al-ways be two hearings before a judge but in certain cases as his Lordship had explained, it would be appropriate to elide the two bearings into on

The last sentence of para-graph 6 of the note stated: "The proceedings will normally in-volve a thorough adversarial investigation of all possible viewpoints and any possible iternatives to steriliza That sentence should not be interpreted as precluding or restricting the possibility that

straighforward cases might be disposed of without oral evi-dence or dissent.

cases would also appear as an ex officio defendant in some. The first sentence in para-graph 7 needed to be expanded to make that clear. Whichever

his role, all that followed was of equal application The questionnaire was issued to indicate the matters which the Official Solicitor would hope

to see covered in the presenta-tion of the plaintiff's case. An answer was not obligator However, if answered, it should be settled by the plaintiff's solicitors, with or without the assistance of counsel, and should reflect the evidence obtained from the family and from

Solicitors: Tassell & Son, Faversham; Official Solicitor.

Arguable defence claim fails in tit for tat copyright case

Express Newspapers plc v News (UK) Ltd and Others Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment February 12] Where a plaintiff had successfully obtained judgment against a defendant on the ground that the defendant had no arguable efence, it could not resist a mirror-image counterclaim by the defendant on indistinguishable facts, even if it could demonstrate that there was an

arguable defence,
Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held
in the Chancery Division in giving summary judgment on the claim of the first defendant, News (UK) Ltd. the proprietor of Today newspaper, to restrain the plaintiff, Express Newspapers plc, the proprietor of the Daily Express and the Daily Star newspapers, from infringing the copyright in the text of an interview with Miss Murins. Ogilvy and Mr Paul Mowatt published in the October 9, 1989 issue of Today. The second defendant was Mr David Montgomery, editor of Today and the third defendant was Mr Timethy Miles the respective of the second defendant was Mr Timethy Miles the respective of the second of the seco Timothy Miles, the reporter who wrote the article in Today.

Mr Peter Prescott for the defendants; Mr Michael Burton, QC and Miss Mary Vitoria for the plaintiff.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that this was an application by News (UK) Ltd for summary judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court on its counterclaim in the action which concerned the mutual copying of news stories by two newspapers.

A reporter from the Daily
Express on a flight between Bali
and Hong Kong managed to sit
next to Miss Pamella Bordes who enjoyed publicity value on account of her alleged relationships with people in the public On April 3, 1989 there was a front page article on the Daily

Express containing quotations from Miss Bordes and claiming to be the result of an exclusive

on the same day an article also appeared in *Today* but it was not so sensational. However, in the second edition of *Today* the story reappeared in a much more sensational form,

tions from the Daily Express article but not acknowledging Express Newspapers then

started proceedings against News (UK) Ltd for infringement of copyright seeking damages and aggravated damages. In October 1989 a reporter on Today obtained an exclusive interview with Miss Marina Ogilvy and her boyfriend Mr Paul Mowatt. Miss Ogilvy, a member of the Royal family,

vas expecting a baby. on October 9 an article appeared in Today containing quotations from Miss Ogilvy. On October 10, the Daily Star's lead story contained an article on Miss Ogilvy large parts of which had been taken from the Today story including the Today story including the

Deeply embedded in the arti-Deepty embedded in the arti-cle was a reference, preficing one of the quotations, acknowledging that the words had been spoken to Today. Shortly afterwards, News (UK) Ltd served a defence to the Express claim in relation to the

Bordes article. It also served a counterclaim that was an exact mirror image of the Express claim in relation to the pirating of the Ogilvy article.

Unfortunately the two claims had come before the court separately. Mr Blanco White, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, had already granted summary judgment and an inquiry into damages on the Express claim. Now the action on the counterclaim. the action on the counter was before his Lordship.

was before his Lordship.

The question was whether Express Newspapers had an arguable defence.

The leading case was Walter v Lane ([1900] AC 539) in which a reporter of The Times had taken a verbatim shorthand note of speeches of Lord Rosebery which were then published in The Times.

a book of Lord Rosebery's speeches including the ones published in *The Times*. It was held that *The Times* had the copyright in the published speeches.

In spite of arguments to the contrary, his Lordship held that

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words of Miss Ogilvy which had been infringed. However, Express News-papers had an arguable defence. It was a well extablished practice for newspapers to search other newspapers for stories they had missed and then to recast them in their own words.

If it was the law that that was a breach of copright and that one newspaper had a monopoly on a scoop it would not be in the public interest in the dissemina-

It was for that reason that Parliament had provided in section 30(2) of the Copyright Act 1988 that: "Fair dealing with a work (other than a photograph) for the purpose of reporting current events does not infringe any copyright in the work provided that it is accompanied by a sufficient acknowledgement."

That fair-dealing rule plainly a claim that the whole of the

sewemper article was entitled to copyright. In fact, following the well established Press practice, several of the other newspapers had picked up the Ogilvy story and used the quotations. The Times and The Guardian gave clear and express acknowledgements;

other papers were less clear,
Accordingly, apart from the
fact that the defendants'
counterclaim against the plaintiff was the mirror image of the
plaintiff's claim against the
defendants, his Lordship would

have given the plaintiff leave to defend the counterclaim.

But the plaintiff had got summary judgment on indistinguishable facts. What was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander, or in legal terms, it was not permissible to blow hot and cold. That

was the reasoning which underlay the doctrine of approbation and reprobation in the law of To apply that doctrine to the

instant case was a novel exten-sion. But it was wholly inconsistent for Express Newspapers to claim that there was no arguable defence when it suited it and vice-versa when it did not. Accordingly there would be summary judgment on the counterclaim. Solicitors: Farrer & Co; Misbcon de Reya.

Power to consider claim over deduction exceeding wages contravention of section I(1)...". If the employer claimed he

Alsop v Star Vehicle Con-tracts Ltd

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr R. Lewis and Mr J. A. Powell [Judgment February 5]

An industrial tribunal would have jurisdiction to consider a claim under the Wages Act 1986 where the sum which the employer sought to recover by leduction exceeded the sum due to the employee, since that was not a case of non-payment of wages which would fall outside the scope of the Act but of elimination by deduction.

The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal so held when allowing an appeal from a decision of a Sheffield industrial tribunal last October that they had no juris-diction to consider his claim for unpaid wages against his employers, Star Vehicle Contracts Ltd.

He had appealed on the ground that the industrial tri-

bunal had erred in law in holding that they had no juris-diction where the deduction of vages amounted to a total rather wages amounted to a total rather than partial deduction. Section 1 of the 1986 Act provides: "(1) An employer shall not make any deduction

from any wages of any worker employed by him unless the deduction satisfies one of the

following conditions..."

Section 5 provides: "(1) A worker may present a complaint to an industrial tribunal (a) that

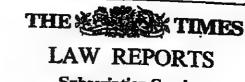
Mr Jonathan Crystal for Mr Alsop, the employers did not appear and were not repre-sented; Mr David Pannick as MR JUSTICE WOOD said

that Mr Alsop was owed wages when he resigned in June 1989 but received nothing on the cessation of his employment.

The industrial tribunal found that section 1(1)(a) of the 1986 Act required that there had a he Act required that there had to be an actual payment of a sum however large or small and that since in the present case there was no payment at all, the Act could not apply.

The initial question for an industrial tribunal where an employee claimed that he had not been paid wages was to decide why the payment had not been made.

If the employer claimed he did not owe any money or that he did not owe the amount claimed, that is, a case of non-payment, the industrial tribunal had no jurisdiction. But where an employer claimed that although he owed wages the employee also owed him money which he sought to recover by deducting it from the wages, then a tribunal had jurisdiction. A further question could arise: namely, where the sum the employer sought to recover by deduction exceeded the amount of the wages due. The appeal tribunal could see no reason why a tribunal should not have jurisdiction in such a situation. The industrial tribunal had The industrial tribunal had failed to consider the reasons for the failure to pay and the case would be remitted to a different industrial tribunal for rehearing. Solicitors: Wake Smith & Co, Sheffield; Treasury Solicitor.



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he least appreciated, most underestimat-ed members of any law team are support staff. In scores of firms the contribution to the performance of the prac-tice made by legal secretaries, receptionists and even legal executives is consistently undervalued. Their potential for improving the effective-ness of the firm is not considered.

It is not hard to see why. Although the partnership principle embodies the best features of a co-operative system, the reality in many law firms is a rigid and tyrannical hierarchy resembling, as one solicitor described it. Nicolae Ceausescu's Romania.

Within such a hierarchy a rigid caste system applies. Qualified professional staff are dominant. Unqualified staff and non-fee earners are the hewers of wood whose role is seldom seen to extend beyond the routine.

This is not to say that there are always poor personal relations between lawyers and their secretaries. Some friendships and personal ties of loyalty exist. But anecdotal evidence suggests that this is not always so, and in many cases legal secretaries endure a bored indifference to their work which is made tolerable

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Several law firms have found that giving their secretaries more interesting work leads

to a greater efficiency,

only by the size of their commerce. Intent on in-

In one or two firms this is starting to change. Rather than relegating support staff to an insignificant role, some partnerships are beginning to perceive their secretaries as a

'They sit down with their lawyers to discuss room for improvement'

considerable untapped force which could be mobilized far more usefully.

One example of this comes from Lawrence Graham, the ambitious outfit at the bottom of Fleet Street which is distinguished by the number of its who have backgrounds in industry and

Edward Fennell reports troducing an unstuffy atmosphere into the law, Lawrence Graham has embarked recently on a long-term programme to give support staff a greater sense of involvement with the firm. With the object of increas-

ing motivation, secretaries are being provided with a better understanding of the firm's business while at the same time the barriers between them and the lawyers are being broken down. In return for this Lawrence

Graham hopes to secure im-proved efficiency. There are already signs that this is being achieved.

The most striking feature of the Lawrence Graham initiative is the secretarial development programme. Secretaries are being given far more information and education on the working of their depart-



Involvement: John Trottman with his secretary, Susan King

work of lawyers. They have take personality questionbeen undertaking exercises naires to develop their selfjointly with their bosses to identify where the internal communications system

needs improvement. "On the mornings of the

awareness," says John Trottman, the engineering-trained administrative director who is the brains behind the scheme. "And then in the afternoon

they sit down individually with their lawyers to discuss openly and honestly where there are problems and room for improvement in the way they work together."

"I've never come across anything like this before," says a newly recruited legal secretary whose experience of every other firm was that "all they were interested in was us getting the typing done as fast as possible". But with a better working relationship with her boss, and a better understanding of the significance of what she is doing, she is enjoying her work more and doing it

One obvious measure of success of the programme will be its impact on lawyers chargeable time. Trottman says that because secretaries have traditionally been un-informed about their lawyers' work, they have needed more supervision than under the new system. Now at Lawrence Graham, the signs are that chargeable time is going up as lawyers feel more confident about entrusting work to their

And a greater sense of involvement leads to lower staff turnover and a saving on recruitment agency fees. It may be enlightened self-interest but a more positive approach to secretarial staff is

ondon firms Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens and Lawondon firms Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens and Lawrence Graham have suffered the indignity of losing partners to another law firm. Bearable perhaps if they were
going into a non-competitive firm — but they intend to join an
aggressive American firm, Condert Brothers. The move is all
the more surprising because the defecting Denton Hall partner,
Steven Beharrell, has been with the firm since starting articles
there in 1963. Beharrell was one of the architects of Denton
Hall's rapid growth in the past few years. Lawrence Graham in
them brought in Hault Thompson two years are to build me a banktrain's rapid growth in the past rew years. Lawrence Graham in turn brought in Hugh Thompson two years ago to build up a banking practice from scratch. Both partners dismiss suggestions that they are bailing out. Coudert has set up an associated English law firm, Beharrell Thompson & Co, financed by Coudert, but operating as a solicitors' firm until the multinational partnership rules receive the Queen's assent. Beharrell and Thompson may be a partner of Coulerth interesting the state of the line. are also members of Condert's international partnership in line with the Law Society's offshore partnership rules. Coudert, which has an international network of offices, has said it intends to employ eight or more UK lawyers by the end of the year.

I bree weeks after the resignation of Hampshire magistrate June Hanan, who wrote to the Lord Chancellor saying that she was unwilling to punish people for failure to pay the poli tax, a second magistrate, from Eastbourne, East Sussex, has announced his intention to quit the bench. Roland Hutchinson has been a JP for three years and although formerly a Labour borough councillor he maintains that he is quitting the bench for humanitarian, not party political reasons. The chairman of Eastbourne magistrates, John Godby, has per-suaded Hutchinson to remain on the bench until after April when the first non-payment cases are likely to apppear. "I feel my conscience simply will not permit me to enforce an iniquitous law with which I strongly disagree," Hutchinson said in the Eastbourne Herald. "I know for certain that many families will find it impossible to meet the new charges . . . I will find it hypocritical to be a party to any punishment meted out by the court." It seems likely that the intervention of the courts will be necessary to enforce the tax if England follows the pattern in Scotland, where an estimated one in three Glaswegians are expected to be served with warrants for non-payment of the tax.

eanwhile BNP Mortgages Limited is showing faith in the ability of solicitors to earn enormous sums of money (and presumably to pay their poli tax). BNP Mortgages, a subsidiary of Banque Nationale de Paris, have come up with a mortgage plan for solicitors offering unusually high income multiples of four times primary income plus three times secondary income with a five-year interest deferment option. The scheme was devised on the premise that solicitors incomes on me ranidly in their first five years after qualifying. eanwhile BNP Mortgages Limited is showing faith in oping. The scheme was devised on the premise that solicitors incomes go up rapidly in their first five years after qualifying. Presumably BNP has not been reading the reports of the Redundancy Helpline set up by the Young Solicitors Group of the Law Society just before Christmas. Supply and demand for solicitors tends to follow a five-year cycle and it looks as though the slump in the property market and the prospect of recession in the economy is pushing demand down.

ome City lawyers seem to have been strangely affected by too many hours working on dry legal documents. Witness this announcement in Alleu & Overy's newsletter: "Just to remind all keen male users of the Gymnasium that Tucaday lanchtimes between 12.00 and 2.30 are reserved exclusively for lanchtimes between 12.00 and 2.30 are reserved excinsively for females. Judging from the recent attendance records, some of you obviously have doubts about your sexuality." But that should not detract from success of the firms's latest project.—

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Time to change the law on young rapists

n September 5, 1989, newspapers reported that the police were hunting a rapist aged 12. He was said to be a member of a gang of youngsters who had raped a 29year-old woman and attempted to rape another aged 17. It was not a unique case. In April 1986 it was reported that a four-year-old girl had been raped by two boys aged 11.

In its 1986 report, the National Association of Schoolmasters and the Union of Women Teachers expressed concern about the dangers of sexual assault that teachers faced from young boys. In 1980, the Criminal Law Revision Committee said, in its "Working Paper on Sexual Offences", that rapes committed by boys under 14 were "a matter of public concern".

This week a Bill will seek to scrap the legal presumption that boys under the age of 14 are incapable of having sexual intercourse

It said: "Cases of this kind occur in what have come to be known as 'gang bangs'; that is, a series of sexual assaults by a group of youths on a girl. Such cases are very serious indeed as the girl often suffers severe emotional injury as well as

physical harm." As more comes to be known about child sexual abuse, it has become apparent that boys are, in some cases, responsible. Yet the extraordinary fact is that the perpetrators, if they are under 14, cannot be prosecuted for rape. The general rule in criminal cases is that a child aged over 10 and under 14 can be criminally liable provided that he understands that what he did was morally or legally wrong. There are special rules for sentencing and dealing with people

in this age group. But in the case of rape, a boy under 14 is exempt from liability. The most he can be charged with is indecent assault or being

an accomplice to rape.

The legal authority for this is the case of Groombridge in 1836. It was considered in those days that boys under 14 were physically incapable of sexual intercourse and, therefore, of rape. That this is not the case is beyond argument, but the law has

never been changed to recognize it.
The Criminal Law Revision
Committee said: "Many think it is a scandal that this should be the law", and recommended abolition of the exemption. This was reaftirmed in its final report published in 1984. But nothing has been done. No exemption exists in Scotland.

An opportunity for judicial disapproval of the exemption was presented in the civil case of L v K in 1985. The case involved affiliation proceedings in which the putative father was a boy aged 13 years and nine months at the time of conception. There was strong evi-

invoked the legal presumption app-lied in rape cases and claimed that as he was presumed to be incapable of sexual intercourse, he could not be the father. The court refused to apply the rule and endorsed the view that the rule was absurd. A Private Member's Bill, in-

dence that he was the father but he

troduced by Sir William Shelton (Con, Streatham), will have its second reading this Friday. The Bill, which aims to tighten the law on kerb-crawling and to abolish the exemption from liability for rape of boys under 14, has government support and deserves support from

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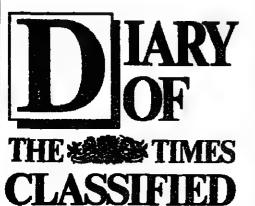
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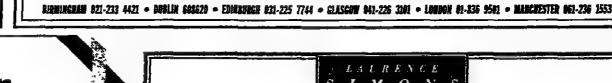
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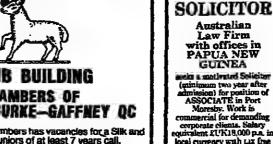
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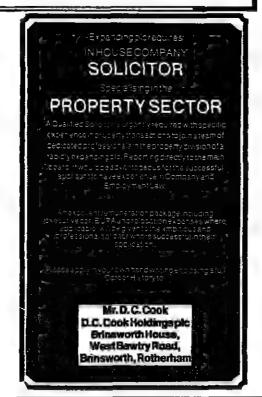
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From smuggling to tax evasion

he London headquarters of Her Majesty's Customs & Excise, which has 26,500 staff throughout Britain and Northern Ireland, is at New King's Beam House, overlooking the Thames near Blackfriars

It has a fascinating history and its responsibilities have grown from the collection of duties on goods entering and leaving the country to include new forms of revenue, such as excise tax in the 17th century and VAT in the 20th.

Costoms & Excise has always had to adapt and recruitment practice has recently been under review. As well as taking a new approach with careers talks and videos for schools, libraries and exhibitions, senior executive officer Frank Dover is considering the impact of demographic changes. We can no longer rely on our traditional intake of school-leavers," he says. Numbers are going down, increasing com-petition for suitably qualified staff.

Dover is aware that the image and recruitment methods of Customs & Excise did not reach a wider range of older, experienced potential staff. "Now we are looking at new ways of working flexi-time, part-time, home work and job-sharing." Future possibilities include improved conditions for mothers of young children. We are checking costs and benefits," he says. "Nurscries, for instance, are needed but not necessarily at the workplace, so

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A career in Customs

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from dull, reports Bernardine Coverley



In the office: Perryman catches up on casework at headquarters other childcare facilities are being

considered as well." Once recruited, staff have the option of remaining in a preferred section or moving through the departments. Although the cus-toms officer remains the better known aspect, VAT is now the primary area of work for about

regional offices including about 90 VAT offices. Meeting the public involves communication skills and a grasp of accounting

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It is not unusual to spend a few years in VAT and then move into an area of work that appears to be very different, such as import control. A declaration must be submitted for all goods entering the country and these must be checked to ensure the correct amount of duty has been paid. At sea ports the crew sign clearance papers and cargoes are selected at random and opened to verify contents. Confidence, tact and alertness are essential for a job that includes looking for hidden differences between descriptions and actual goods.

Certain items entering the country require Department of Trade and Industry licences and some technical equipment needs export licentees, particularly high technology goods that could be adapted for military purposes.

Promotion exercises are held every year and there is every opportunity to move up the ladder, with appropriate in-service train-ing. Executive grades are required to be mobile geographically and may be offered a move to different

parts of the country.

The specialist divisions welcome officers with wide experience within the service. These range from "investigation" working on serious frauds or smuggling offences - to "training", which involves providing

In the field: Chris Perryman visits a scrap yard to check the accounts as part of his job as a VAT inspector

vocational courses for new staff. Docks, I liked the work and when and management courses for excomove officers.

Chris Perryman, 29, joined Customs & Excise in 1978 and has worked his way up through several areas to his present post in the VAT office at Basildon, Essex.

"I was in college and wasn't sure what I wanted to do, then I had the being the man in the red or green chance to join Customs at Tilbury

freight, boarding ships to check my A level results came through I was promoted to executive officer clearance papers and patrolling.

"As a contoma officer I works grade. First I was assistant officer all the way down the Thames and in a specialized beggage post, performing the sort of role that everyone associates with Custook part in surveillance exercis - Tilbury is a local 'main risk' toms. I could meet people and there was more to it than just

area for drugs coming in from West African ports." The VAT man or women needs confidence and an easy manner, as

much of the work is to help traders

to understand a system that may seem just another obstacle to bookkeeping. "You have to under-stand how the chap operates his business and how the accounts work," Perryman says. "It may be work, Ferryman says. At may to-a builder or an accountant and not everyone is an expert bookkeeper. Some people I may visit two or three times a year."

t the lowest executive grade, a VAT officer would be responsible for visits to four or five conce a work, Landing companies, such as Ford, are assigned a full-time employee from the local VAT office. Perryman combines visits to two or three large-scale traders a week with supervising staff, training and office edministration.

"Eventually I may move back into Customs or come up into the City headquarters and maybe get involved in the policy-maki he says. "It's very flexible; al-though obviously it depends on what vacancies are available at the time. It's not just one little niche." Administrative grades are recruited locally. Entry require are GCSE or written test. Informa-tion from Jobcentres and Customs & Excise offices. Executive officers are recruited through the Civil Service Commission, Entry reservice Commission. Entry requirements are a degree or at least two A levels, plus written test and interview. Information from H M Customs & Excise, Personnel Division A, 3 New King's Beam House, 22 Upper Ground, London CE 1 001 SEI 9PJ.

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DEVON FAMILY PRACTITIONER COMMITTEE (Family Health Services Authority designate)

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Application form and job description from: The Personnel and Administ Directorate, Union Lane, Cambridge CB4 1/67, Tet. 0223 61212 est 368, Closing data: February 22, 1990.

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Closing date: 2nd March 1990. This council has adopted a positive policy in respect of the employment of disabled people.



England...

England roused themselves from a slow and painstaking start to their World Cup campaign vesterday to score twice in the second half from short corners and earn victory over Ireland. The tally of short corners was 7-5 in Ireland's favour but England, abandoning the practice of direct hits in favour of a plan to bemuse the opposition by passing swiftly from the top of the circle to an unmarked colleague, made the decisive use of their awards.

At no time did England play as though they might lose a match, which marked the 100th outdoor appearance of Richard Leman, the captain, for his country. Bernie Cotton, the England team manager, explained the strategy: "We played competently with a straightforward plan and gained confidence with it," he

Cotton admitted, however, that it was a relief to get a bruising first match in group B out of the way with a victory, but added: "Our next game will be just as difficult as this." He thought that the result was a true reflection of England's territorial superiority.

England's rearguard was also sounder than Ireland's and Faulkner's defence at short corners was particularly frustrating to the Irish, whose forward play was brilliant in from their third short corner, patches, with Cooke and the ball having been cleverly Kenny Morris making some worked by Leman to Kerly, solendid runs.

Both Cotton and Norman Hughes, the coach, com-mended England's midfield play, which became more assertive in the second half. Among the few thrills of the first half was a diving attempt by Kerly, who was ruled offside in the third minute. In the 14th minute Batchelor took a hard knock and limped

off to be replaced by Mayer.
A centre by Cooke, the Irish
outside-right, spelled danger
for England, who were rescued by Faulkner, but after the interval little enterprise was shown by either side. Ireland launched a quick attack to force a short corner in the third minute but, with a chance nicely set up for him, Cooke missed the bull.

That was the turning point of the match. Three minutes later England were in front



Scooping the pool: Kerly gets England off to a winning start in group B yesterday by op

worked by Leman to Kerly, who scooped it into the net. An injury to McConnell,

Ireland's sweeper, caused play to be suspended but England took control immediately after it resumed and gained two short corners, from the second of which the lead was increased. The transfer of the ball worked wonderfully again and this time Grimley was in position to score. McConnell hit the target soon after from a short corner to Ireland, but the shot was disallowed for being too high.

in the last five minutes England found more space in which to work the ball and the lead could well have been further increased when Kerly put his shot adrift after being put through by Garcia.

Hughes thought that the senior players had done what was expected of them and was

greatly encouraged by the performance of the younger players, Soma Singh, Thompson and Bolland, whom he particularly commended for

Cees Koppelaar, Ireland's Dutch coach, said: "It was no disgrace to lose to a side that had won the silver medal in 1986 and had fielded several Olympic players." But he was most disappointed that Ireland did not take advantage of their corners.

his timely tackles.

Fearful India held to draw

best in drawing 1-1 with the Soviet Union in group A, claim-ing that an element of fear seriously affected their play (Sydney Friskin writes). The Indians wanted to with-

draw from the tournament after a death threat by a student group, who have declared that india should get out of Kashmir. It took a a guarantee of security by the Punjab government to make them agree to play, but living in an hotel under the protection of a heavily armed guard is far from ideal. The loss of a point has eased the pressure in the group on the Netherlands and Australia, the holders, both

of whom play today.

To add to India's wees they lost Ramprakash Singh, their outside right, who, early in the match, played the ball into his face and was carried away on a stretcher. India took the lead in the ninth minute of the second half with a well-taken goal by Jagbir Singh, who ran in a centre

the Soviet Union a short corner, from which Holopov scored. Either side might have won in the last five minutes. A brilliant save by Patterson, the Indian goalkeeper, denied Pleshakov a goal, and at the other end a shot

by Thoiba Singh was saved on the line by Ulchiev. The Netherlands' should have scored more goals against France, but only managed to win 2-1. Delissen gave the Dutch the lead from a penalty stroke awarded after Florin, the French goalkeeper, had covered the ball from Bovelander's hit from a short corner in the 16th

stroke to put France level in the 54th minute, but five minutes later Kooijman was obstructed by the goalkeeper inside the circle and Delissen scored from the penalty spot to put the Dutch shead again.

Pakistan delighted a host of supporters with a brilliant dis-

showed defensive frailties. Hav-ing run up a 5-1 lead, they conceded two goals in two minutes, both scored by Ignacio Escude, the Spanish left back,

Ahmed, who scored in the 14th, 24th and 34th minutes after Qamar Ibrahim had given Paki-stan the lead in the eighth minute from a disputed penalty stroke. Spain's first goal came from Casas in the 29th minute, while Pakistan's final goal was scored in the 64th minute by Tahir Zaman.

No coup in poll

from open play. Pakistan's hero was Shahbaz

Suva (AFP) — Major General Sitiveni Rabuka, Fiji's coup leader, lost the election for

chairman of the Fiji Rugby Union at the weekend.

STUDENT SPORT

Sweatman retains his title with an unbreakable grip

Fresh from the Commonwealth Games, Winston Sweatman, of Edinburgh University, successfully defended his under-86kg title at the British students judo championships in Glasgow over the weekend.

Sweatman, whose Newaza (groundwork) was superb, pro-duced a series of arm-locks and strangles which took him through to the final against Simon Dalley, of West London Institute, with relative ease. After a brief struggle the somewhat tired Commonwealth Games medalist ended the con-

Games medalist ended the contest with another arm-lock to secure the gold medal.

Two other British squad members triumphed in the women's event. Anna Applun, of Birmingham University, won the gold in the under-56kg category, beating Sharon Jor-dan, of Ulster, and in the under-61kg category Rosie Feltham, of Coventry Polytechnic, beat Paula Bloor, of St Mary's

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VOLLEYBALL

Brixton remain on course for double

By a Special Correspondent

Brixton Kalghts loosened Britannia's grip on the Royal Bank English Women's Cup when they defeated their London rivals in the semi-finals at the weekend, to set up a final with Sovereign Leasing Sale Crystal Palace on March 11. Brixton, on course for a league

and cup double, lost the first set but came back to win 7-15, 15-13, 15-9, 15-11 and ensure a first final appearance. If they can win the final next month they would be the sixth club in as many years to take the trophy.

Brixton went a step closer to threatening Britannia's League title when they defeated Dynamo London in straight sets on Sunday but Britannia defeated MGI Wessex 15-8, 17-15, 15-13, on Sunday. Malory hold command of the top of the command of the top of the men's first division of the English League after a comfort-able 15-8, 15-6, 15-6 win over

Speedwell Rucanor, the most speedwell knoaner, the most realistic challengers to Britannia, took five sets to edge out Staffordshire Moorbands 12-15, 15-4, 15-10, 9-15, 16-17, after trailing 14-16 in the final set. Speedwell host Malory this Sairurday and hope to complete the

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signing of Ali Golshen, a centre net player with Bristo! Poly-technic, in time for the fixture. In Scotland, Kinleith Plant, the men's champions, defeated Su Ragazzi 15-13, 15-10, 12-15, 15-10. In the third set the international referee, Sandy Steel, had to be consulted for advice on how to fill in the scoresheet. because the scorer had run out of space to record the number of

side-outs.

Kinkeith share the top position with Krystal Klear and Airdrie, who both won at the weekend. Vince Krawczyk, who resigned as coach to the wom en's champions, Adscreen Kyle, in November, for personal reasons, stood in as the coach to Glasgow Bannerman for their Royal Bank Scottish Women's Cup quarter-final with Hydrassus Tulkes on Sunday. Hydrates I tuttos on Suntany.

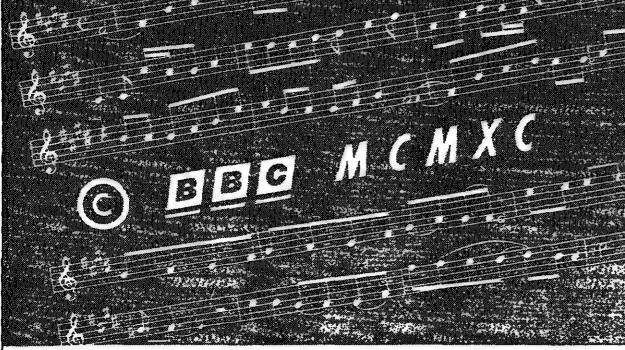
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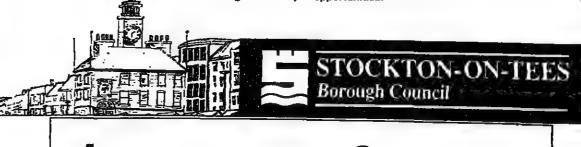
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Viewing figures examined by John Goodbody show that snooker still holds pride of place on the small screen

trimming its most popular sport

as the most popular television sport of the 1980s. It ended the period with consistently good hours after it had taken place viewing figures and interest unmatched by any other sporting activity.

Adult audience figures for

championship boxing, foot-ball, Wimbledon, the Grand National and the Boat Race show that snooker featured only twice in the top 25 programmes. However, it fig-ured on 20 occasions in the top 100 programmes on the

Hours devoted to snooker peaked at 398 in 1985, but they have fallen every year which puzzles Ken the director of Re-Services Ltd (RSL), whose Sportscan survey analyses sport on television. "TV certainly created the

interest in snooker, but it seems now to have decided that the public should be bored with it," he said. "From our research, the sport retremendously

interviews some 125 men and women over the age of 15 in different parts of the country to discover their leisure habits. By doing their research so regularly, RSL hopes to take account of the seasonal variations of interest to which sport is prone. The total interviews conducted in 1989 was 6,247.

Snooker has a consistent following," Parker said. "It appeals across social grades and to both sexes. However, male interest is particularly high, probably because more men play than women.

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"Nine per cent of the population want more of the game on television and 20 per cent less. In my view, the public is still showing suf-ficient enthusiasm for BBC and the independent stations to maintain their coverage, so I am surprised that the number of hours devoted to the sport is declining so rapidly."

The biggest television audi-

ence for a sporting event in 1989 was for the film of the Tyson-Frank Bruno world heavyweight title bout. Parker considers the figure of 12.066 million as "quite remarkable", given that the

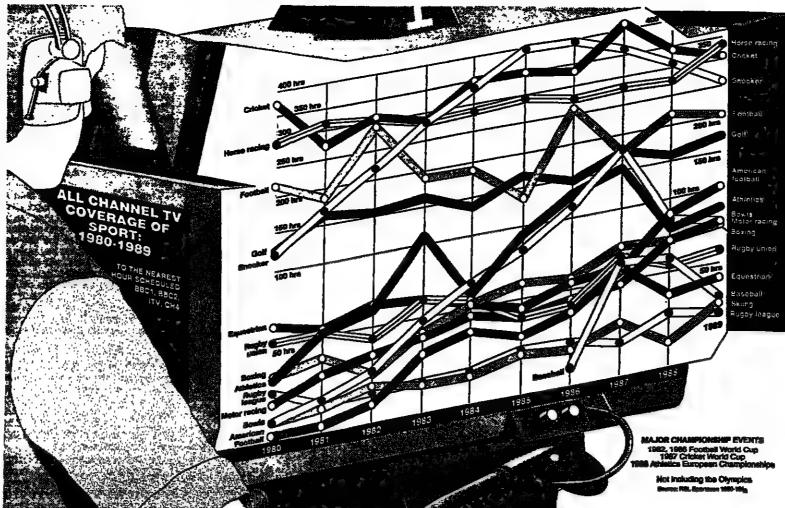
interest", thereby restricting its potential viewing figures, and that it was shown several and had already been screened on Sky. RSL figures show that 62 per cent of the male population have some interest 1989, for events such as world in boxing; 10 per cent of the population want more of it on television while eight per cent

> Football has "superb viewing figures" with live club matches regularly getting up to eight million viewers; 72 per cent of the male population show some interest in the sport, and its attraction is relatively classless. The RSL survey shows that 11 per cent of the population want more televised football and 23 per cent want less

Cricket is less popular. It rarely had more than two million viewers, although it regularly occupied more than 300 hours of screen time each year during the 1980s. Parker points out that the lack of general interest seems to have been reflected by the BBC's decision to show highlight programmes later and later in the day. Parker was surprised at the amount of horse-racing on the networks, particularly since so many betting shops feature closed-circuit television. He said: "This is because it is cheap, live programming at a time of the day when usually interest in television is at a very low level. People who watch are of the older generation. Only four per cent of the population want more racing on television and 20 per cent want

Athletics was a television success in the 1980s. Although 1989 was not an Olympic year, the sport regularly attracted three to four million viewers, with the Bislett Games seen by nearly eight million and the London Marathon by almost six million. "It Rugby gets good viewing fig-is a sport, more than any ures when it is on this prois a sport, more than any other, that, in interest, is ageless, classless and sexless," Parker said. "It has a wide appeal, and 15 per cent of the population want more of the

seven per cent want less." Golf can get good viewing figures, although most of the final rounds of tournaments are either on summer Sunday



cople are out, or late at night for US events. The RSL survey shows that 44 per cent of the population have some interest in the sport, although its devotees are mainly older men in the up-market bracket.

As for rugby union, Parker reports: "Grandstand always pulls in extra viewers because some people will automati-cally watch the programme. gramme but otherwise rarely more than two million. There is some interest in the sport population; it is particularly popular among the AB socioeconomic groups and, of course, in Wales."

Curiously, rugby league, sometimes viewed as a working-class game, attracts a high sport has a "very definite male afternoons, when many number of AB viewers, and

again in Wales it is popular as a television sport. "The Welsh seem to want to watch any sort of rugby," Parker says. Rugby league claims some interest from 31 per cent of the population.

Skiing is an activity which, according to Parker, is being undervalued. Some 44 per cent of the population say they have some interest; 12 per cent want more skiing on the screen and only four per cent less. Parker says: "It can get 2.5 million viewers, although this is partly because it is often shown on Sunday afternoons in the winter, a good time to attract audiences.

Parker sees boxing and motor racing as two sports which, during the 1980s, were demanded by consumers, unlike snooker, where the impetus came from television itself.

"Skiing could be the next to follow the trend of boxing and motor racing," he says. Looking forward to the

1990s, Parker expects to see an increase in the number of hours being given to sport, irrespective of the coverage which will be offered by satellite stations. "Sport remains cheap to cover. But I think the trend towards later hours will continue, apert from the really big events. "Except on the satellite

services, the minority sports are likely to become more and more stocking-fillers. I also think there will be a trend towards magazine programmes, covering a number they will serve as a way of getting relatively high viewing figures and attracting new

TOP 25 AUDIENCES IN 1989



1 1066 move up to No. 1

Stephen Hendry sounded sus-piciously like someone who had been invited as the successful old boy to address his school on speech day and was rehearsing his lines as he trampeted the virtues of homework, discipline and self-metivation after successfully retaining his Hea-son and Hedges Masters title at Wembley with a 9-4 win over John Parrott.

John Parrott.
Perhaps not though. When Hendry's success is measured monetarily the figures are enough to make any schoolboy throw down his pen and reach

The Scot, aged 21, has now won more than £1 million in prize-money since turning pro-lessional in 1985 including 2375,500, give or take a few pounds, this season in which he has wen five titles. Enderse-ments and exhibitions bringing

tens of thousands more.

Of his victories the United Kingdom championship was the most important but his Masters success was particularly signifi-cant for this was the first time he had successfull important title. Somehow the fully defended an

Somehow there had to be a father figure behind all this, a (Engl. 9-4.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Hendry poised to | Milan make it all to play for | Double triumphs

Ry Kaith Blackmore eartier in the season, a play-off would be necessary.

After Sunday's performance, such a match would hold few fears for Milan. They swept aside their rivals with goals by Massaro, Maldini and Van Basten, his fifteenth of the season, for a delighted crowd of 70,000 at the San Siro stadium.

Both teams have a four-noint

the two teams may have to meet for a third time this season to mentor. There was. "It's all down to my manager Ian Doyle," Hendry said.

"When I first set together with Ian is 1983, I had the I needed to practice, I would just spend two hours mucking about with my mates but he taught me that you've got to work hard if you're going to get anywhere.
"I've been practising six bours

the season, it cannot decide the championship. The matter would usually be settled by adding together the teams stores against each other but, since Naples beat Milan 3-0

Both teams have a four-point advantage over Sampdoria and later Milan, a gap which is almost beyond closure at this stage of the Italian season.

Real Madrid also seem to **OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS**

match days and it's the reason
I've become a second. I'll be
back on the practice table on
Wednesday because I play in the
British Open a week later.
"If summer had end in four
years ago what I would have
achieved by now, I would have
said they were crazy. Inn
whenned a toracy for me each planned a target for me each season and if I remember rightly, this season I was just supposed to be concentrating on breaking into the top 16."

a day for years now except on match days and it's the reason

In that case Hendry, is an overachiever. He began it as world No. 3 and is only a point behind Stove Davis in the race to be No. 1 next season with three points-carrying tournaments to go including the world

20.
FRENICH: Auxerre 1, Socheux 1; Bot-deaux 2, Ceen 1; Lyons 3, Montpeller 1; Marselles 4, Racing Paris 1; Monaco 2, Toulon 1; Mathouse 2, Lille 1; Nantes 0, Metz 0; Paris Saint-Germain 3, Brest 1; Toulouse 0, Nice 1; Carmes 0, St Etienne 0. Leading positions (after 25 matches) 1, Bordeaux, 38pes; 2, Merselles, 36; 3, Socheux 30.

GREEK: AEK 3, Larissa 1; Apollon 3, Emnikos 0; Kalamaris 0, PAOK 3; Aris 2, Xantiki 2; Doxa 2, Serres 0; OFI 2, Levadiakos 0; Panathualkos 1, Irakis 1; Panionios 1, Ionikos 1; Olympiakos 4, Volos 0, Lasding positions (after 20 matches) 1, AEK, 32ths; 2, Olympiakos, 32; 3, Panethinalkos, 30.

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SPANISH: Barcelons 1, Real Mallorca 1;
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Sociedad 3, Real Ovisdo 1; Tenerific 2,
Ossauma 0; Ceita 0, Real Valledolid 0;
Logrofite 2, Real Zarapoza 1; Athibito Bitano 0; Sporting Gijón
O, Sevilte 1; Valencia 3, Malega 0; Cicliz 0,
Real Madrid 3. Leading positions (after
24 matches): 1, Real Madrid, 38pts; 2,
Athibito Madrid, 32; 3, Valencia, 32.

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Trabazosepor, 35; 3, Famericaisas, 32.

AC Milan's 3-0 victory against
Naples on Sunday took them to
the top of the Italian first
division on goal difference but
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beating Cádiz 3-0 on Saturday, with two goals by Martin Vásquez and one by Butra-

Barcelona, their traditional rivals, all but fell from contention by drawing at home with Mallorca. Ronald Koeman, their Dutch sweeper, had a particularly unhappy day, miss-ing a penalty then giving one away from which. Mallore. equalized

There was better fortune for two other recent imports to the Spanish game. Aldridge scored his fourteenth goal for Real Sociedad as they drew with Ovieds and Archibald scored for

Overes and Archibald scored for Español as they beat Huelva in the second division.

In France, Waddle scored with a free kick from 20 yards as Marseilles beat Facility Paris 4-1, all their goals coming in the first half. Stein came on as a substitute for Rit as Casa lest to Berdesyr. The learner teaders. Bordenson, the league leaders. Den Boer, another Dutchman,

Den Boer, another Dutchman, arond twice for Bordeaux.
PSV Inhabeves continued their mercurial form in The Netherlands. After being beaten by Roda JC last week, they put six past Nijmegen on Saturday. Romario, their Brazilian forward, scored twice, the second being his 21st of the season. He is the leading scorer in the league, despite making a late start to the season, and is eight ahead of his nearest rival, Kieft, also of PSV.

SQUASH RACKETS

Jansher conquers part

The selection of Douglas, aged 34, is an entergency measure because Alan Cooke, the English National and Commonwealth frampion has been set of form and has won only one match out of eight in the Enginean learns.

European league.

The recall seems to have galvanized Douglas, the former European Top 12 champion, who produced two of his best performances of the season to beat Carl Prean, the leading England player, and Chen Xinhua, the former World Cup winner from China, to take the Wiltshire 5-Star title on Seaday.

If continues this form it may TEASES: Engiand: C Prean, D Dougles, S Andrew, A Gordon. Coschoolcoatte (probable) P Korbel, J Janci, J Janurek and R Kasalova.

of Jahangir's empire From Colin McQuillan, Teresto Jansher Khan, the world champion, has taken for himself another piece of the world squash empire that once belonged to his mighty Pakistani the world title, the top world ranking and this richest prize in the game that were so long the participally a presenting to be a consistent of the presenting to the present the present to the

compatriot, Jahangir Khan.
On Sunday afternoon, he defeated Chris Dittmar, of

Australia, 15-6, 15-5, 15-12, in the 54-minute final of the Mennen Cup.
The Australian left the court berating himself for letting down the full house around the all-glass court of the Curzon Club, and the live television audience across Canada, which

had gathered to watch two World Open finalists dispute the £15,000 top North American softball prize, held for the previous seven years by Jahangir. Jahangir.
In the semi-finals, Jansher defeated Jahangir, to level their person-to-person record at 13-In the round-robin stages

Dittmar overcame Jansber for the second time on Canadian soil, Ross Norman, of New Zealand, re-established both his local and international superiorchampion, and two other Brit-ons, Adrian Davies, of Wales, entertained well enough to guar-antee return invitations.

unquestionable possessions of Jahangir. Only the British Open re-

In the final, he led 8-0 in as many minutes, and had the first game secured just five minutes later, thanks to half a dozen uncharacteristic, unforced errors from Dittmar.

The second game was blemished by tran-

14 to 22, have decreased with the announcement of support by Raleigh Cycles and Horncastle Motors (a Special Corres-pondent writes). Cleveland County Council tried to withdraw from its commitment to run the championships a year ago, but the British Cycling Federation managed to give an assurance that sponsorship and funding from commercial and non-commercial sources could be obtained. Raleigh is to contribute £15,000, and Horncastle will provide the fleet of vehicles.

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top gear from 12-12.

Repeatedly, Dittmar would dominate the court with lightfooted recovery and heavy-handed attack, but the last stroke always came from the

RESULTS: Final: Janehor Kinen (Pak) bt C Otomer (Aus), 15-6, 15-5, 15-12. Taket place play-off: Jahengir Khen (Pak) bt R Norman (NZ), 15-6, 15-10, 15-8.

ICE HOCKEY

for leading pair

Cardiff Devils and Marrayfield
Racers continue to dominate
the premier division of the
Heineken League after both won
twice at the weekend. The
Once sain Gary Brine was
outstanding in the Bears goal. It
is unfortunate that he has not
been included in the Great
Whitley Warriers on Saturday,
and gained an easy away win
over Schind Barnes on Sanday.
Racers took their unbeaten
League and Cup run to 22
games, with victories away to
Peterborough Pirates and the
Warriers.

Ayr Raiders, with their first
home win over Durham Wasps
for three years, moved ahead of
the Barnes into fifth place.
Alexander Kozhernikov, no
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handcap, hated to score on Saturday, but returned to form with four goals and two assists in the home win over Peter-borough Pirates on Sunday. Pirates have suffered 12 successive defeats. Slough Jets, who have won their last 13 games, fell 7-6 at

RACKETS

In a maich dominated by service, both men struggled at first to read the bounce of the ball, which tended to die awkwardly in the back corners. Smith, the holder of the title for the last five years, has recently recovered from an Achillea un-

CYCLING

Support grows

for juniors

The financial problems of the world junior championships, to be held at Cleveland from July 14 to 22, have decreased with

while two local companies have

also promised support.

As with the World Student

Games, one of the main prob-lems has been to obtain a host broadcaster to provide TV transmission for the regional,

satellite and overseas networks which want to show the

Shock defeat for Smith The second seed, Shannon Hazell, the Clifton professional, surprisingly defeated the favourite, Neil Smith, of Queen's, in the final of the Rank Xerox British professional singles championship at Marlborough College (Sally Jones writes). In a match dominated by service both men strussled at

power and rhythm.

By contrast, Hazeli volleyed sharply and looked quick and confident, using the angles to his advantage and keeping Smith constantly on the defensive at the back of the court. The two will new together in the Lacotte will play together in the Lacoste world doubles championship this weekend.

Weighy, 15-5, 15-7, 15-8; S Hazari bt P Brahe, 15-2, 16-5, 15-5, Flant Hazari et Smith, 1-15, 15-1, 15-12, 11-15, 15-8.

Ozaki has the game to achieve greatness

GOLF

From Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent

on Thursday on the Hunting-dale course here, which is probably good news for Nick Faldo, Greg Norman and Curtis the Super Skins on Sunday. "I think we saw enough of Jumbo at Port Mirage," Nor-man, Australian Masters cham-pion on five occasions, said. "It

Ozaki, a former professional aseball pitcher, has dominated the Japanese scene since reach ing age of 40 in January 1987. He won six tournaments in 1988

and another seven last year. Without Ozaki, television rat-ings tumble. With Ozaki, they mostly in Japan. The sponsors dig deep to see to that, which

win a major championship. He is not even sure he will be at St Andrews in July for the Open. "I will definitely play in the US Masters and the US Open," he said. "The British Open? Maybe, maybe not. It is not on my schedule at the

At Royal Troon last summe he finished thirtieth, but played with more authority at Augusta, where he was eighteenth, and he made an impressive challenge for the US Open and led for a while on the last day, before falling away to sixth.

who has a better command of does fair Elvis Presley imita-tions and once recorded an

His immense power created problems in his first year as a professional when he hit 41 shots out of bounds. In the next year, 1971, he was off the course on 42 occasions but won the

on 42 occasions but won the Japanese PGA championship. Following a loss of form in the late 1970s, he rebuilt his game with the help of Jack Nicklaus. "I watched him play, read his books and viewed his videos," Ozaki said. "I respect Jack as much as I admire him."

Ozaki has new stop 64 teams. Ozaki has now won 64 tour-naments but his success in the Super Skins was only his second outside his home country. He

won the New Zealand PGA
Championship in 1972.
When Jumbo is not winning in Japan there is still a good chance that the mame of Ozaki will be on the trophy. His younger brothers, Joe and Jet, are also prolific winners. "I are also promo winters. It taught them both," Ozaki said.
"Now I want to train and cultivate good golfers who would lift Japan's standing in

the sport."
Peter Thomson said: "If
Jumbo gets through his career without an honest attempt at world stardom, it will be an awful waste of talent, in which he ranks with Ballesteros and Norman. He's powerful but there are also few players on the world scene who can match him at short pitches and bunker

play."

Not too many golfers win a major championship at the age of 43. Ozaki could prove to be an exception. He has long since left behind his days in the first lane, when he drove Lamborghinis, but is still very much the entertainer, as he emphasized on and off the course last weekend. It would no with the azaless and dogwood a

Steady last day gives Ishii victory

Honolulu (Reuter) — David Ishii needed just an even-parround of 72 to achieve a longheld goal on Sunday as he walked away from the Waislae Country Club with a one-stroke victory at the Hawaiian Open tournament.

The Hawaiian-born light seet three birdies and three bogeys to finish with a nine-under-partotal of 279 and earn \$180,000 (£105,000) for his first victory on the PGA Tour.

Paul Azinger eagled the parfive final hole for a 70 to finish

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difference to the outcome -Kingston were leading 91-68 at the time - there might be repercussions for Sunderland's repercussions for Sunderland's fading championship challenge.

Wilkie, a 6ft 9in centre, will certainly face Kingston at Crowtree Leisure Centre on Sunday but if the EBBA's disciplinary officer decides to increase the seven disciplinary points already against Wilkie's pame for Saturday's offence, he name for Saturday's offence, he could miss Kingston's second visit to Wearside on March 18.

Manchester and Sunderland in the play-offs in Birmingham on April 13 and 14.

Solvent first ime, Wilkie was unable to play because of a delay in the clearance of his going I was probably on the shorter fuse. I got hit and it was a retaliatory thing.

Last October, when the clubs met for the first time, Wilkie was unable to play because of a delay in the clearance of his registration following his move from Australia. Now he and his team colleagues are wondering how they can subdue the effervescent Alan Cunningham,

April 13 and 14.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE RESULTS: Derby CARLSBERG Tigers 99 (Roberts 25, Whishead 18, Rams 79 (Lascelles 21, Whishead 18, Rams 79 (La

Wilkie's action could bring extra sanction By Nicholas Harling

BASKETBALL

Scott Wilkie, of Sunderland, can be forgiven for believing that he is due for a change of luck by next Sunday when his team are due to meet Kingston for the third time this season in a Carlsberg League fixture.

Wilkie, aged 25, from Panana City in Iowa, was disqualified midway through the second half of Kingston's 111-86 victory at Tolworth on Saturday for punching Micah Blunt. Although the incident made little difference to the outcome—
Kingston were leading 91-68 at Kingston twice and Manchester must beat them twice."

out Dave Gardner for some time. The England centre tore foot ligaments and tendons after sinking 18 points in the 110-87

twice."
Manchester may well be with-

victory against Solent.

By opening up a 10-point lead over the fifth placed club, Derby, whom they defeated 99-79, Bracknell Tigers made virtus 19, stackness 1 igets made virtually certain of fourth spot and a place with Kingston, Manchester and Sunderland in

England call Douglas to replace Cooke

England have brought back Desmond Douglas, after an absence of nearly two years, for a European League match against Czechoulovakia at Bade today. England must win to have any chance of avoiding relegation from the super division (Richard Eaton writes).

make all the difference, because had the No. 2 men's singles player won half of his matches, England would be challenging for the title.

mains as a significant title in the grasp of the boy champion, who grew to manhood undefeated through 5½ years and 500

ished by two of only four mistakes made by Jansher in the 54-minute match, but otherwise the left-handed Australian was no closer. The first half of the third was wonderfully competitive, until the world champion eased into

Sebastian Coe on his hopes for the next generation of British athletes Looking to an explosive future

sport's eternal mystery. We all know one when we see him, or her. Sometimes, we can see them coming. But forecasting is not a precise art; and neither is the development of champion material, in athletics or any other sport.

We know the ingredients. Natural ability; determination; mental toughness; and hard work. Oh, and luck. And good health!

Those are the ingredients for a successful recipe in any of life's kitchens. In industry, politics, vol-untary activities, or whatever. What distinguishes sport, perhaps, is the combination required of mental and physical ability, and the extra pressure of competing for success in the glare of the media.

There is much common ground in sport about what conditions are needed to develop the talent and the champions which are the essential life blood of the activity. You must have a wide and effective coaching structure; competitive events, at all levels; adequate facilities; and benign, positive, efficient administra-

In recent years we have got some of these right — and British athletics has a healthy look about it. But many of us feel more needs to be done, on the back of the golden era I discussed in *The Times* on

That era was based on unique success and strength in depth in the middle-distance events. I think the future may well be different. The 1990s look to be the era of the sprints, javelin and jumps; events in hich 10 or 15 years ago we judged British success by personal bests and appearances in finals.

But now we have in this country the best sprinter in the world at the moment in Linford Christie, allied to tremendous strength in depth in both of 100 and 200 metres; the best javelin thrower in Steve Backley (and strength still in the women's javelin); one of the world's two best high hurdlers, in Colin Jackson; and a world-class high jumper, in Dal-

I don't want to lumber people with undue expectations — being "tipped for the top" can be an awful burden. But there is youth and therefore further potential to de-velop in that list above. Surely, the best of Backley is yet to come. He has shown already the class and the mental toughness and commitment.

Soon, Jackson must break through the 13-second barrier. In the sprints, in which our depth makes us such a force in relays, I would pick out Marcus Adam as a real emerging talent who showed in Auckland that he is now coming through. I believe he will get faster.

The middle distances? Peter Elliott has much yet to give. He has surely conquered any doubts he



Moving forward: Sally Gu

may have had about coming first. It will remain one of my enduring regrets that we did not battle it out that Commonwealth Games 1,500 metres final. Matthew Yates's potential will depend on his hard work and coaching over the next two years. For Tom McKean, race victories are still ahead, and we must hope that he overcomes his problems with the major

The same general strength is not apparent for our women athletes. We seem to have good sprinters; and the field events are far better than they were 10 years or more ago, when international competitions could be embarrassing. The progress there owes much to coaching and organization. There is great encouragement in the switch of Sally Gunnell to the 400 metres hurdles, taking her into world class; tributes are due to her and to those guiding her career.

Progress in the middle distances is disappointing. Our best times are too often slower than Ann Packer's winning time in the 800 metres at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. In that same period, the British men made

spectacular gains in time and performance, leading the world. The longer distances are a dif-ferent story. This is, of course, new ground for women, as the admin-istrators have only allowed them to run further than 1500 metres in recent years! Looking back, it is remarkable to recall that the 800 for

Olympic Games of 1968. But in McColgan, Sty, Lynch, Cahill and Murray we have com-petition and talent at a range of distance events. These should go on, but their high standards ought to

women was only introduced in the

through; we must be optimistic. Generally, we must remember that we had as many winners in the last European junior championships as in the senior event in 1986, followed by a solid showing in the

who must unlock the store of ability

istrators did not have the same

The leaders of the sport must overcome such nigging, silly obstacles, but they continue to occur, and they sap confidence in vital people. Those leaders must fight for facilities, for opportunities, for the better of the sport. And they must be the formers of notible stands.

My views on the misuse of drugs blows of the last 12 months.

But I hope no one will make the mistake of thinking the problem is now just one of weightlifting. That is not the case. Other sports have still not put their houses in order. That includes athletics; and they

We look for further, glorious success in the 1990s. The talent and the will are there. But we want real, proper success, within the spirit and the rules of our sport; we do not want to cheat our way there. I hope we will continue to lead the world in ridding sport of the curse of drugs, and in fostering and developing that blazing triumph of physical style and mental steel which is the enduring excitement of athletics.

world junior championships. The future talent of British athletics will reflect our multi-racial society. The times they are 2changing; and, I believe, for the better, in talent, in development, in the health of this great sport. But much still depends on management and leadership, much depends on the support we give to our coaches,

Therein lies some of my continuing concerns, about the next 10 or 20 years. There remains some neglect of the coaches who continue to get young people to the line and the tape. Last week, for example, in Auckland Frank Dick, our national coach, was denied accreditation (the magic passport to facilities behind the Games scenes) and had to accept hospitality from the tiny Falklands team! A lot of admin-

take the firmest of possible stands with the menace of drugs.

in sport are too well known to repeat at any length here. My 1987 report (with the Minister for Sport, Colin Moynthan) remains relevant, but I fear that progress has been too slow. The searchlight of criticism is now on weightlifting, and clearly I feel much sympathy for Wally Holland, the general secretary of the British Amateur Weightlifting Association, an administrator with the old values of sport in his veins and a strong sense of right and wrong, who will have been cut to the quick by the

Sad Castle cannot

enjoy his victory over Swedish rival

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent Despite beating Lars Wahlgren, his descent. Despite Wahlgren's the No. 2 seed, in the LTA fallibility, this was a good win Challenger at Croydon yesterday, Andrew Castle was not smiling. "No, I'm not enjoying my tennis at all," the British reviewed champion said "Free contents of the contents of to victory, however. Having broken the tall Swede to serve national champion said. "I'm not hitting the ball well, I'm having to fight hard for every point and I'm feeling very tentative." for the first set at 6-5, he lost his own serve, went 4-1 down in the tie-break and had to save three tic-break and had to save three set points before taking it 10-8.

The second set, which Castle won 7-5, was marginally more straightforward. "It was all a big of a grind," Castle said. Chris of a grind," Castle said. Chris Bailey beat Danny Sapsford comfortably enough. He next faces a harder task against Olivier Delaitre, of France, lames Turner took the first set

Perhaps Castle's mind was elsewhere: lamenting the sale of his beloved, if temperamental, sports car or contemplating the lot of the struggling touring professional. Perhaps he was composing his speech to an impromptu meeting of the Challeager players, called for last night to discuss their lack of representation in the new ATP

Whatever the distractions, Castle managed to concentrate and dispose of Wahlgren, who showed he was good enough to reach the final of the Sydney

reach the final of the Sydney Indoors late last year.

This has not been a happy fortnight for the Swede. Last week, at Telford, he was beaten by Chris Bailey and discovered that his ranking had been calculated wrongly. He had been mistakenly credited with victory over Aaron Krickstein in the Australian Open and dropped from No. 66 to No. 85 at a from No. 66 to No. 85 at a their Davis Cup quarter-final against New Zealand, in Bris-

the first round.

against New Zealand, in Bris-If he continues to play like he bane, from March 30 to April 1 did yesterday, he will continue (AFP reports).

James Turner took the first set off Jorgen Windahl, of Sweden, and lost the next two to go out in

ATHLETICS

McKean to make his debut indoors

Tom McKean will put his accident disappointment behind him and run indoors for the first time in his career at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow this Saturday in a quadrangular Tom's performance in the international for Scotland against Norway, Belgium and Iraned.

McKean will run as a guest in the match, but he was also selected yesterday for the Great Britain team for the Dairy Crest international, against East Ger-many, at the Kelvin Hall, a week

His cosch, Tommy Boyle, yesterday confirmed the move, and that McKean would face Peter Elliott, the Commonwealth 1,500 metres champion, over 800 metres in the East

pressure to revert to the position which he occupied in his first year at Durham University

Halliday to play with Jeremy Guscott, his club colleague at

Bath, in the centre. The diffi-

culty there is the specialist role of second five-eighth which Carling has been filling this

It is a role which has never

straighten the line and create space further out for the decep-

tive Guscott, while also giving the back row a strong target to

hit, from which good second-

squad, given the lack of genuine alternatives outside it. Perhaps

the most viable of those is Jonathan Callard, the Bath full

back who went to Spain with the B party last summer.

high profile just now is John Liley, at Leicester, the country's leading points scorer but whose representative experience is nil.

and Halpin are doubtful starters among the forwards, and Mulin, the centre, will have

questions to answer after he had

flank for O'Hara, is nursing an

Brian Smith will be stand-off

The other full back with a

phase ball can be derived. Certainly the temptation would have been to choose a full back from within the existing

it's the right decision.

"There are lots and lots of reasons for the decision. After Tom's performance in the Commonwealth Games, he feels he wants to get right back to racing. He's very, very fit right now."

McKean has not even trained indoors, but Boyle revealed that he had planned to change that next year, if everything had gone to plan in Auckland. His disappointing seventh placing in the 800 metres final in the

forced a quick rethink.

Also named for the East German match yesterday were Marcus Adam, the Commonwealth 200 metres champion "Eliiott is the in-form middle from Beigrave Harriera, and Dalton Grant, in the high jump, who broke the British record last terday, "and that's one of the reason Tom wanted to run, it benefits to the blad decision to t

RUGBY UNION: THE NEUTRALS ARE GIVEN THE PERFECT DRAW OF SECOND DIVISION MEETING FIRST AS THE PILKINGTON CUP REACHES ITS QUARTER-FINAL STAGE

Richmond handed short straw but warn holders to beware

By David Hands Regby Correspondent

From all neutral points of view, Sandy Sanders, the Rugby Football Union president, could not have made a better job of the Pilkington Cup quarter-final draw

The four strongest cup sides - Bath, the holders, Gloucester, Leicester and Bristol were all kept apart and all must travel, which gives their opponents the prospect of an excellent financial return on February 24.

The shortest straw was Richmond's, who will entertain Bath and are contemplating the erection of a temporary stand to accommodate the visiting supporters. There will be no problem with London Scottish, their co-tenants, because Richmond were due to play at home that weekend in any case, while Rob Cunningham, their forward Cunningham, their forward what they have to do to coach, will preserve an esimprove," he added, as con-

After the next round of di-

24 (London v North) and February 25 at Cinderford (South West v Midlands), the England 18 Group selectors will

choose two squads for the final trial, which will be held at

Nottingham HS on March 10.

Last Saturday London de-feated the South West 20-15 at Harrow in a disappointing trial

that was dominated by the losers' pack. London's points came from four penalties by Diprose and tries by the left wing, Kemp, and Taylor, a

The South West, who at least

won the try count 3-2, may

count themselves unlucky to lose. Their points came from

tries by Carter, Olsen and

Annan and a penalty by Singer.

The conditions were not nearly as difficult as they were at Doncaster on Sunday, when the Midlands beat the North 19-9.

Thomlinson, the Midlands stand-off half, kicked four first-half penalties with the gale at his

back but it was the North backs

who looked the more inventive

and enterprising with Cross, at

full back, playing excellently in

the first half. The North, how-

ever, lost both the stand-off

McCarthy, in the second haif and never really threatened the

ascendancy of the Midlands.

ilf, Edwards, and their centre,

Richmond v Beth Northwesten v Leicester Notifingham v Gloucester Massing v Infilm Masches to be played on Pabruary 24

between 1981 and 1986.

take us very seriously."

Cunningham will watch which the cup holders play.

The Midlands points were

Cross contributed a penalty and conversion for the North, whose

try was scored by Henry and made by Bracken.

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LONDON BEHCHAR S Catternole (University College School): M Griffiths (St. Mary's and St. Joseph's), M Boyce (Emphas School), 4 Diames (Hampton School), 1 Panning (Cooper's and Column School): P Burker (Epsom College), J Pollent (Benoruta School): P Burker (Epsom College), J Pollent (Benoruta School): P Burker (St. Ruddges (Feithern), R Cabbe (Vyners), M Hitching (Bancrofts), L Dellagetto (D Overbrocks College), L Stickena (Campiori), E Rudker (St Panil's).

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Penalties win the day

in disappointing trial

By Michael Stevenson

visional matches to be played at scored by Wright, a try, and Loughborough GS on February Thomlinson, five penalties.

Ouarter-final draw

pecially-warm welcome for the club where he played

"If Bath have any com-placency at all, they will be in for a shock," Cunningham, a former Scotland B hooker, who has turned out for Richmond this season, said, "But I expect a very professional job from them. I expect them to

Bath play Gloucester this weekend, aware that several leading players will be absent, describes as the 'method' with "It will show our players

scious as anyone that Rich- won 26-11 on the way to the mond have lost their last three first of their six cup finals. In league games in the second division after making the early running. When the two clubs met in a friendly in December, Bath, fielding what amounted to a second XV, won 16-10.

Leicester, last season's beaten finalists, who have played two third division clubs thus far, progress to the leaders of the second division, Northampton. That will draw a bumper gate to Franklin's Gardens, where this season's league success, allied to a useful cup run, has increased membership from a nadir of 400, three years ago, to over

As Midland rivals of long standing, these two know each other of old, and their record includes four previous cup meetings, of which Northampton won the first, in 1974, but have lost the other three, in 1978, 1979 and 1982.

contrast, Nottingham have not met Gloucester, whom they play at Beeston, in the knockout competition before: "It's very disappointing to have this run of away ties," Peter Ford, the Gloucester chairman, lamented yesterday, "But, as usual, we will take a lot of fans to Nottingham." Ford remembered, too, that Gloucester played all their ties away in 1972, when they became the first winners

of the competition.

Bath. Leicester and Gloucester are all past winners of the cup, as are Moseley and Bristol, who contest the last quarter-final. Potentially, that is the hardest draw of the round, because Moseley's cup record has generally been better than their league or merit table placing; on current form, Bristol might be said to be favourites, but then, the The 1978 meeting was also a same was true of Saracens in quarter final, which Leicester the fourth round last weekend.

Saracens sense a step nearer to a new home

Saracens' disappointment at their dismissal from the Pilkington Cup last weekend, at the hands of Moseley, was assuaged by their meeting with representatives of Enfield Borough Council (David Hands writes). The club feels there is now a better understanding of

Saracens hope that, in conjunction with Middlesex Polytechnic and, possibly, Southeate hockey club, they will be able to move from their present ground, at Bramley Road, to the Polytechnic ground, at Trent Park, less than mile away, at some stage over the next two years.

This would keep them within the borough, but would create the possibility of the joint development of a sports

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SOUTH Also SCULTH WEST: If there, (Marborough); K Amers (Rendome), R Allen (John Henry Newman), N Hedges (Cornwell Technical College), J Jeson (Halleybury); D Green (Bristol GS), W Olsen (Bishop Wordsworth of D Cross-ton (Essen College), J Beyres (Medicapton, Barries), D Stotanda (Shintake), D Walleste (Cueen's, Taurison), T Desgins (Meylech College), J Duniel (Eton), M Carter (Blocheste, D Thompson (Mitheld). Richard Pool-Jones, the Cam-

"I hope there will be greater understanding by the council during next season," Barney Richards, the Saracens secretary, said. "We want to get the new development up and run-ning as soon as possible, while the Polytechnic appears keen to maximize its resources, given the financial climate. The main of greater support from the council in its efforts to find a under-writing, in spirit and co-operation, what we want to do."

© Ciaran Fitzgerald, the former ireland and British Isles captain, was a spectator at the Moseley-Seraceus cup-tie. Fitzgerald is involved in the

coaching of Ireland's recently formed national under-25 and under-21 teams, but his foray into England was also linked with the establishment of an Anglo-Irish organization which, it is hoped, will ultimately participate in the inter-provin-

Visitors want to return

other players, who played against the Cumbrian chamleading Romanian club, want to join the Cumbria club, an official said yesterday.

played against Oxford at Twickenham two months ago, makes his debut for the Midlands against the Combined Services pions, Aspatria, during a visit to Britain last year with the army team, Steana Bucharest, the Cosford on Sunday (Michael Austin writes).

The Midlands field 11 of the side besten 18-14 by New Zealand Under-21s last bridge University flanker who November.

will cut capacity

By Alan Lorimer The capacity of Scotland's nat-The capacity of Scottanian at Marray-ional ragby stadium at Marray-field could plusment to 60 per cent of its present atmeer following the Scottish Rugby Union's decision to implement the recommendations of the

Taylor report.
That has effectively stated that stations should be all-sest by 1994 and accordingly the SRU is to prome back its present standing capacity at Murraylield by 20 per cent each year, which will mean an annual reduction of 4,600. Already the SRU has reduced the standing capacity on the North and South terracing in line with the interim Taylor recomme edations and for the Scotland v France game on

Saturday the number of spec-tators standing will not exceed 23,000, bringing the total capac-ity for this match to 53,900. The implication is clear. The SRU will have to redevelop Murrayfield. Yesterday Bill Hogg, the SRU secretary, said that when the new East stand had been designed, plans were departs up for firmer deadless. drawn up for future develop of seated areas with a rebuilding of the old West stand, possibly with a vastly increased capacity through the use of tiering also envisaged. Hogg added: "The committee is treating this as an argent on-going situation and considering finance for the dev-elopment to restore the capacity to 58,000."

When the East stand was built in 1982, the cost was £2.8 million, much of which was raised by debentures and interest-free loans. In return, each of the 2.001 debenture holders and 5,000 lenders is assured an allocation of one ticket for every international march but criticism in the present climate of scarcity has centred on the 1,000 tipket that on a the hearitality. tickets that go to the hospitality tents within the grounds. Answering this point Hogg said: "When the new stand was built we entered into an agreement with agents for 1,000 tickets to go to the tented village at a time when the East stand was not

become an integral source of SRU finance in addition to television fees and sponsorship and are, according to the constitution, allowed to be allocated by the committee. If these tickets were not allocated in this way then I would estimate that the price of the top tickets would have to be increased by £6 from The SRU is hopeful that the proposed Scottish Cup final would take place at Murrayfield

and become as big an event 28 those in England and Wales. At

present the SRU is consider

These 1,000 tickets have

the views of the clubs as expressed through their district unions on the matter of restructuring the competitive The clubs would seem to favour a cup competition but not do not have the seat numbers. at the expense of the leagues.

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SRU plan England short of Fouroux's full-back options

When the England selectors XV against Fiji in October, The When the England selectors made their change to the XV to play Wales this weekend, introducing Simon Halliday to the wing at the expense of Mark Bailey, they may well have been mopping their collective brow that it was not the full back position which was the subject of discussion.

Hard though it is to drop a player from a successful side, it most experienced alternative available is Jonathan Webb. with 16 caps and over 100 points to his credit, but Webb is unable, at the moment, to win inflection for Bristol.

If Hodgkinson had not been fit this weekend, I suspect that Will Carling, the captain, would have been under considerable

player from a successful side, it would have been harder still to would have been harder still to find a replacement full back had Simon Hodgkinson, for exam-ple, been concussed in the late tackle he suffered during Not-ticehem's same at the actions. tingham's game at the weekend with Orrell. Facial injuries forced Hodgkinson off the pitch and credible alternatives to wear the No. 15 jersey are in remark-

ably short supply just now.

Alan Buzza played in the B international against France earlier this month but two ruptured ligaments in his right ankle, sustained while playing for Cambridge University last Cambridge University last week, have virtually ended his Medical opinion is that

Buzza, who was hoping to play regularly for Wasps, will be unable to play for eight to 10 weeks (although his ankle is not in plaster) and will miss the university's visit to long in the plastery. university's visit to Japan in mid-Murch. In any case Buzza, for all his

potential, is not the finished article in international terms; nor is Simon Langford (Orrell). who did not have the happiest of matches at full back for England B against the Soviet Union in December or Steve Pilgrim (Wasps) who played for the B Few changes for Irish

The Irish team to face France in Paris on March 3 will be announced today, and despite uncertainty about the fitness of certain players, no are chain one or two changes are envised.

World Cup captain for Ireland next year. And he may be given the captainty against Wales at Lansdowne Road on March 24.

McCoy, Steve Smith, O'Hara and Halpin are devictful wareness. certain players, no more than one or two changes are envis-aged. Circumstances, however, might force some players to withdraw (George Ace writes). withdraw (George Ace writes).
A strong possibility is that Bradley will oust Aherne as the scrum half and that was given credence when Jimmy Davidson, the coach, went to Cork to watch Bradley in action for

Constitution against Garryowen, for whom the centre contender, Danahar, was playing. Should Bradley be selected and depending on his performance, he may well be the his partner.

eye injury.

Murphy will be the full back, and if Mullin is chosen, the threequarters will be Kiernan, Irwin, Mullin and Crossan. RFU's warning on stolen tickets The Rugby Football Union

(RFU) yesterday warned spec-tators not to buy tickets on the black market for the England v Wales international at Twick-enham on Saturday because they may have been stolen. Dodley Wood, the RFU sec-retary, said: "There are some stolen tickets in circulation. We

buy from a tout. The ticket may have been stolen and there could be trouble in occupying

team for the future

The seam that Jacques Fourous, the French coach, takes to Edinburgh for the international against Scotland on Saturday, reveals the basic structure of France's intended World Cap

The introduction of Hunti aged 23, the Biarritz wing and Pujolle, the Nice prop, and Sanz, the Narbonne scrum-ball. both 27, gives Fouroux the young personnel he has sought to integrate in time for the World Cup.

Fouroux, with typical defi-

ance, yesterday said: "Contrary to what has been said, we kneed prepared for the future. The introduction of so many new players in our team this season proves we have 30 good players

become popular in Britain, but Carling has enjoyed adapting it both in his own game and to complement Rob Andrew at stand-off half. It has helped The problem for the Endisk Welsh and Scots is that they really only have ready the players you see in their teams at this time."

He added: "Even before the match against England we had changed almost half our pack.

with the introduction of Roumat, Devergie and Armsty.
We also have Carminatti, aged
23. Lhermet, aged 22, and
Pujollema aged 27, who is not
old for a prop forward. There is
our future planning. But can the
other countries say the same?"
Fouroux says Prance used the
match against the British Isles
and the two internationals with

and the two internationals with the Australians last autumn to With remarkable candour, he

said: "For one year the players did not play in their right position. For that year it was 8 catastrophe because our preparation was not right. But every year there are scandals in French rugby because I do not do what some people say

He said: "We have had great players like Serge Blanco for 10 years and they have almost reached the end of their cares?. reached the end of their careet.
As for Laurent Rodrignez, he is only 29 and a child beside Dooley and the English props. In the light of the defeat by England, which Fouroux admits was "a bad beating", he remains philosophical. "The hardest thing for the English to get used to is winning But not use the to is winning. But not us - we have mastered that habit This was a rare setback for us. It is like a meal - and the French team for 10 years has had caviare, foie gras soil

"Buying stolen tickets is ton, the former British Liou.

against the law and anybody hoping to pick up a late ticket pany. A safe, containing 400 buy from a toru. The circles, was stolen.

Some of Burton's clients received match tickets before the the seat,"

Wood's statement follows the burglary nine days ago at the Gloucester offices of Mike Bur-

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Results from Nottingham

Winnie The Witch has chance to cast winning spell again

Jimmy Frost, who teams

up again with Kamadoor

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At her best, Lisaleen Lady

should be thereabouts at the

end of the Hoechst Panacur

EBF Mares Only Novices'

Hurdle Qualifier. But as she

was so disappointing last time

having finished second at

Wincanton the time before, I

am much more inclined to go

for Frank Jordan's five-year-

old First Crack, who came

good by five lengths at War-

Otherwise, it could easily pay to follow the fortunes of

Toby Balding's promising but rather unlucky novices

(3.0), even though they both

Halmajor (2.0) and Kama

wick last time.

effect again.

appointing last time, unlike Winnie the Witch, who looks

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Following that victory by five lengths at Leicester three weeks ago, Winnie The Witch appeals as a sporting bet to win the Tiffield Handicap Hurdle at Towcester today, and she is my nap. Even after making every

allowance for the fact that the handicapper has had time in which to reassess her, Ken Bridgwater's mare still does not look overburdened with 11 stone.

What the Leicester race proved was that she will not be convenienced by either today's distance or the current soft going underfoot.
Also, it is pertinent to add

that her success that day did not take connexions by surprise even though she started at 11-1.

For prior to that she was the subject of a gamble from 16-1 down to 8-1 to make a winning reappearance at Warwick, only to fall two hurdles out when starting favourite. from the finish when still going conspicuously well. Today the opposition, headed by the disappointing steeplechaser Davy's Weir,

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does not look particularly King's Rank will obviously attract support because he is trained by Martin Pipe. Yet even he is far from unbeatable

as his record this season

Basket Weave and True parted company with their Loop, two who could win at rider last time.

at Folkestone, Halmajor was going strongly (like a winner in the eyes of many) when he fell at the fourth-last fence at Wolverhampton eight days

Challenge Cup looks the ideal consolation prize, especially since his trainer has a perfect line on Uncle Raggy through Kamadoor, my selection to win the Bet With The Tote Novices Chase Qualifier later in the programme.

Kamadoor appeared to be going better than Uncle Raggy at the last meeting on this same Northamptonshire track when he misjudged the last fence and unseated his rider. So Jimmy Frost's mount smacks of a winner without a

On the all-weather surface at Southwell, I like the look of Apres Huit's chance of beating Autobird again in the Askham Handicap.

When they met over the same course and distance a fortnight ago, Apres Huit won by 21/2 lengths. But with Autobird penalised 7lb for winning at Lingfield in the meantime, Apres Huit is now 21b better off.

follow those prolific course specialists Irish Passage (2.10) and Woodhoopoe

Flying Ace carries on the good work

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

That marvellous campaigner
Flying Ace defied his 14 years and a 10th penalty to win his 52nd race on his seasonal debut in the ladies' open at the line he won readily enough in a time fractionally fister than Music Minstrel, who captured the second division for Justin Farthing.

Doreen Calder took the lead on the 7-4 on favourite with four to jump and, although Willow Wood challenged at the next, Flying Ace kept up to his task and ran on to win by three lengths. This initiated the first leg of a double for his rider who went on to take the first division of the restricted on Snooker.

Dorighs Brig started at 2-1-on for the first of the Land Rover qualifiers, but backers soon knew their fate when he fell at the fifth fence. Polygnum, 30 learning at the fifth fence with remarkable courage is riding as well as ever. the fifth fence. Polygnum, 30 lengths adrift at the start, went into a clear lead after two miles but weakened rapidly and at the second last was headed by

Bronzeknowe (Gavin Hamilton), Simon Bell, however, was tracking on Blue Ravine and this combination went ahead approaching the last and sprinted up the run-in to open up a 10-length can by the post. up a 10-length gap by the post.

There was a first winner at the
East Cornwall for 20-year-old Ross Darke, a pupil assistant to David Barons, when Brushford improved upon his second of less week to win the hunt race. In winning he relegated Philip Scholfield, on Picks Pinter, into second place but the 1988 champion rider was soon back

in the No I spot when Nicol John won the first division of the open. This dual hurdle winner was having his first run between the flags and although he only had a

Folkestone in doubt

The meeting at Folkestone tomorrow is in doubt and the stewards are inspecting at 10am

David Cameron, the clerk of the course, said: The course is very wet and the weather forecast is not good. The track cannot take any more rain."
...Tomorrow's meeting at Worcester has already been abandoned because of flooding. anangonen pecanas or nooming.
The all-weather fixture at
Lingfield would provide the
day's only racing if Folkestone is
called off.

ing as well as ever.

At Cottenham on Saturday at the Cambridgeshire Harriers he inneed a 43-1 double on Shake The King in the first division of the restricted after Quick Advice had stayed on strongly to win the adjacent.

In the ladies' race here, Roscoe Boy, last week's Old Raby winner, was fully extended to beat As You Were and although Cod's Choice worn the core.

Carl's Choice won the open comfortably enough for George Cooper he finished a very tired

borse.
Unless bought as school-masters for inexperienced ridmasters for inexperienced no-ers, former top-class chasets are even unwelcome in competitive events. Philip Newton went pot hunting in the weakest race possible, for members, with the very useful ex-Nick Gaselec-trained Bolands Cross, who duly won under the talented Paul Tripno at the sengence odds of Taiano, at the generous odds of 3-1 on.

Moor Scope to prove value

By Brian Beel

Although having only won a maiden point-to-point in 1988, MOOR SCOPE was thrown in at the deep end in hunter chases last season when he performed creditably but without success.

He could cause a surprise in the Manning Challenge Cup at Towcester (3.30) today, when he is in receipt of a stone from most of the others, the best of which may be True Bloom and Father Brady.

First Irish challenger for Popham

By Christopher Goulding

cent O'Brien Irish Gold Cup at

Leopardstown.

The nine-year-old will be Chris Popham's first runner in Ireland. "We will fly him over

ireland's principal hope for

Leopardstown.

Maid Of Money, from John
Fowler's Co Meath stable, will
also be in the line-up and hoping
to redeem her reputation. Last
time out at Cheltenham, the
mare ruined her chance by
continually making jumping errors when runner-up to Toby
Tobias.

Tobias.
Nottingham racecourse is taking measures to insure ground conditions will be not deter Nicky Henderson from running Trial Hurdle,
"We shall be moving the rails

to make as much fresh ground as possible round the bends and on the run-in." explained David Henson, the clerk of the course. Henderson, who has been thwarted from running the triple champion hurdler after numer-ous: abandoned fixtures, said: "The timing of Saturday's race is ideal, but my only worry is what state the track will be after

Results from yesterday's two meetings-

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2.0 (2m hdie) 1, RE-RIELEASE (P. Scudenne, 13-8 lav); 2, Desadme 13 Osborne, 13-8 lav); 2, Desadme 13 Osborne, 13-21, ALSO RAN: 3 Royal Bossley, 13-21, ALSO RAN: 3 Royal Bossley, 13-21, ALSO RAN: 3 Royal Bossley, 12-Foxy Boy, 20 Moon Run, Pliar Of Fire (px), Bold Republic (5th), Feeling Better (4th), Stormsaal Boy (ur), 33 Chain. Shot, Crasan And Green, Culseann (5th), Evenidae, Frantino (pul, Graed Herbour (pul), Waycross (pul, Wildhille (pul), Marina Made (f), Mount Wood, Nessaga (pul, Stry Mistress (pul, Phantom Singer (f), 23 ran, NR: Royal Upharn, Bon Zaman, 6, 244, 301, nt, 174; M Ploe at Weslington, Totas 22-90; e2-90, 0P. £11.00, CSF £13.02.

2.30 (2m dt) 1, BUTLERS PET (P. Pipe at Wellington, 10th 22-05, 22-05



(J Osborns, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Third Son (5th), 15-2 Bold Cadet, 12 Lochstre, After The Gloom, 14 Norwich Castie, Come Hafely (pul, 16 Sharp Shape, Way Clear (8h), Psoeloto, 25 Up-A-Point, 35 Singing Hilbs, Gesigor, 50 Tipper Lad, Charry Boy, 18 rat. 8, 4h, 4, 4, 5 Million at Cheltenham. Toss: \$11.80: \$3.10, £1.40, £2.10, £2.20, DF; £45.10. CSF: \$90.20. Tricest: £006.62.

3.30 (2m 6/r ch) 1, TOURREEN PRINCE (R Beggart, 4-5 fav; Private Handicapper's top reting); 2. Woodhand Retreat (D Dennis, 39-1; 3, Albanys Taiking (J Dennis, 39-1; 3, Albanys Taiking (J Dennis, 39-1; 1), ALSO RAN: 6 Regardless (4th), 10 introvert (pul, 12 Batinatvean (cr), Pat Woldow (pd, Raré Luck (6th), 20 Ht Upham (f), 50 Bibulous (pul, Bridgetown Lad (8th), Mill Raile (ref), Mornaste Calim (f), Cullantaro (ur), Wapping Reign (pul, Erica May (leut), Bran. NIE: Riise Range, Erica May (leut), Bran. NIE: Riise Range, Erica May (leut), Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £12.50, £2.20. DF: £75.20. CSF: £28.31.

4.0 (2m ch) 1, CRAMMER (4r J Durfaz, 4.0.40), which was ware four to the stream (art J Durfaz, 4.0.40). 212.50, 22.20. DF: £75.20. CSF: £28.31.
4.0 (3m ch) 1. CRAMMER (Mr J Durkez,
9-2); 2. Wester Wegtell (Mr J Greenell 132); 3. West Tip (Mr M Armylage, 4-1 [r-fav),
ALSO RAM; 4 [r-fav Ebony Swell (pu), 7
Lean Ar Aghaich (skin), 10 Lord Purma (pu),
Run Leah Run (pu), 12 Unscrupulous Gent
(5th), 20 Barn Brise (5th), 25 Babygrannan
(rdf), Dethmore, 33 Marma Reel (pu), 50
Cash And Gold, Smert Plot (pu), 14 Iran.
251, 114, 15, Jahr, 151. D Murray Smith at
Upper Lambourn. Tote: £5.50; 22.50,
21.20, 21.40. OF: 21.6.50, CSF: £33.84.
A30 (2m 6f hole) 1. NIVASSOM (S. D.

Upper Lambourn. Totse: 25.50; 22.50, 21.40. OF: 21.50. CSF: £33.38.
4.30 (2m 6f hdie) 1, MN/ASSOM (S D Williams, 9-2); 2, Prince Of Ribelans (S J O'Neil. 16-1); 5, Jains Billy (F Murtagh, 10-1); 4. Replier Thrust (M Dwyer, 20-1); 4. Replier Thrust (M Dwyer, 20-1); 4. Replier Thrust (M Dwyer, 20-1); 4. Henry Marm. Liadelt, Westway, 12 Mr Gossip, Drowsy (20th), 14 Maelkar (put, 16 Notiforms Dilemma, Freestone (put, Strikes, A Point (5th), 20 Mynah (key, Necothas, 25 Smrag Player, Inde Pulse, The Shiner, 25 Smrag Player, Inde Pulse, The Shiner, 25 Smrag Player, Inde Pulse, The Shiner, 15, Ind. VI, 101. J Glover at Worksop, Totse: 55.0; £1.90, £8.90, 22.00, £3.90. DF: 2276.40. CSF: 224.01. Tricast £688. Placapot: £94.60,

Southwell Going: standard 2.10 (2m hda) 1, HILL BEAGLE (R Bavan, 11-2; 2, Up The Ladder (A Carroll,

202.40. CSP: 150.89. Tricens: 1271.37.

2.40 (2m India) 1, ISPAM B BREDBATH (F Whitele, 12-1): 2, Deadly Churte (R Durwoody, Shens Ital): 3 Nove Lad (T Walk, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 64 Kneznin (Sh). 20 Ivocrisia, 25 Singing Gold (pu), 33 Carlboan Constion, High Noddy (pu), Lamon Berry (401). 50 Catalandic Bay. Thistone Lodge, Tough Out (pu), Lido's Run. 16 ran. 71.2%, 5, 5, 2, 2, 1 Glover at Workson. Tous: 214.90; 22.10, 51.40, 52.00, DF: 216.20. CSF: 228.88.

3.10 (2m 21 (pids) 1, THE LIGHTER SIDE 236.80.

3.10 (2m 2f hdis) 1, THE LIGHTER SIDE (A Jucius, 1-2 tav); 2, Major Fradis (Susan Karasy, 5-1); 3, A Friend of Mine (S Smith Godes, 5-2), 3 mm, 2%, 2%, 3 Preses at Telford, Tobr. 21,70; DF, 22,60. CSF, 23.00. An objection by the second to the winner was overruled. the winner was orietzuled.
3.40 (2m 44 hdis) 1, PRAIRIE AGENT (S. Johnson, 15-6 li-fan); 2, Plus Lighting Girl (J. A. Herris, 15-8 li-fan); 3, Plus Lighting Girl (J. A. Herris, 15-8 li-fan); 3, Prip 7be Delney (R. Fehey, 6-7), ALSO RAIK: 7-2 List One (Set), 12 French Castle (Sth), 5 rs., 151, 25, Pripate at Melton Mowbray, Tota: 22.70; 21.70, 22.00. DF: 24.80, CSP: 25.73, Sold in T. Meltor 3,000 cm.

Placepot £30.19.

gra.
4.10 (2m 4f fxfla) 1. FOLLOW THE DRUM (S Smith Eccles, 4-1); 2. Happing Around (D Williamson, 7-4); 3. Panny Lover (S Johnson, 8-1); ALSO RANK 5-4 tev Strady Road (4ftl), 12 Gray Admiral, 14 Social Closts, 20 Time Boy (8ht), 25 Carina, 50 Banton's Credit (put, Kallys Pat (6th), 3r Dubel, 11 ran, 15, 3, 2, 6, 10, Mrs D Dubel, 11 ran, 15, 3, 2, 6, 10, Mrs D College at Newmarket, Toker £4,80; £1,30, £1,00, £2,80; DF: £18,30; CSP: £18,317. E1.00, E2.80, DF. E18.90, CSF: E19.17.
4.40 (2m et nds) 1, ITALIAN TOUR (R
Garrity, 7-1); 2, Storm Wender (A Judies,
3-1); 3, Wiesenbey Boy (J J Carin, 10-1).
ALSO RAN: 5-2 tay Hot Company (4th), 3
Fith Attempt (5th), 5 fied Plenet (5th), 3
Hystem (pu), 7 ran, NR: Brown Rits,
Hyster (18-1), 10 Pt. 29.70, CSF: 227.83,
Tricage E19.74.

Toureen Prince offers Festival pointer

By Paul Wheeler

Several Cheltenham festival candidates were on show at Nottingham yesterday, and none was more impressive than the Henrietta Knight-trained

days in Ireland. "He came over from Paddy Mullins and he's been with me for about three

Now the Louise Stockdale

Otherwise, it should pay to

Blinkered first time

Panto Prince, who has returned from his two-week break in fine fettle, runs in Saturday's Vin-

on the day as he does not enjoy staying away from home," ex-plained Sue Popham, the train-er's wife. "The break has done him a lot of good and we are very hopeful."

Brendan Popell. who was Brendan Powell, who was

successful at Leopardstown last Saturday on Nomadic Way in the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle, will have the ride. Nick The Brief, winner of the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock, was also confirmed a definite

Carvill's Hill, the impressive winner of the race last year and successful in last Saturday's Harold Clarke Chase at

See You Then in Saturday's City

racing yesterday."
Mole Board's participation in
Saturday's Nottingham City
Trial Hundle will not be known until he has galloped tomorrow.

"We will work him on Wednesday morning and come to a decision after that," said Jim Old yesterday. "Otherwise, it will have to be the Kingwell Pattern Hurdle at Wincanton part watch."

10-1]: 3, Fiery Sun (R Gentity, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 2 fev Liste Mitesion (Str), 9-2 Keep Straight (po), 7 Super Sol (felt), 8 Quita So (pu), 10 Forcasio (4th), 12 Benerino (8th), 20 Dunnibo (pu). 10 zen. NR: Olympus Reef. 2, nk, (k), 2kl, 6t. W Cary et Fulford. Tote: 26,80: 22,70, 25,40, 22,90. DF 582,40. CSF; 559,89, Tricese: 2571,37.

THE TIMES TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13 1990

Henrietta Knight-trained
Toureen Prince, the ten-length
winner of the Racing Past Novices' Chase qualifier.

Up the front throughout, the
seven-year-old came home in the
style of a 5-4 on favorate for
Ronnie Beggan.

Toureen Prince started his
days in Ireland "We came over

1.30 Warm Winter,

2.00 Halmaior

Going: soft

prose to jumping errors. As his Knight explained: "I've done a lot of schooling with him. Rossie has jumped him over poles in the loose school." And the bay gelding was not hindered by the testing conditions. "He's won an yielding and heavy in Ireland. He stays forever and is a most relaced horse, the Wastings trainer said. "He'll go for the San Allience Chase, with another race before if we can. "This might be my only runner at the Festival."

3.30 Father Brady.

4.30 Tog Of Gold.

4.00 WINNIE THE WITCH (nap).

10 runner up to Thessendown Toosale at Chapatow (2m, heavy) with MORTHE ANDS WAY a well-besten 7m. HATASH driven our to beat Curious Feeling 4 in a Fontwal (2m 2), heavy) seller with MISS A TURN a distant disc serier finished 111 3rd to Northern Alfance at Plumpton (2m, soft) with WARM WINTER (7th bester off) 18 Sh.

TOWCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

By Michael Seely

2.00 Chaisby. 4.00 WINNIE THE WITCH (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 200 HALMAJOR.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.30 Moor Scope.

1.30 SILVERSTONE SELLING HURDLE (21.716: 2m) (15 runners)

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BETTING: 2-1 Hatsem, 5-2 Mottram's Gold, 4-1 Dreaming Star, 11-2 Warm Wi

FORM FOCUS DEBRY SHYTHIS ability in notice company notably when a staying on 25t 5th of 15 to Patrick James at Laicester (2m 4f, poor). DREMING STAR, has shown some fair form in this grade, the best was when \$6 2m or All Mourad ower course and distance (good to Simi) on penultiment starf.

FORM FOCUS KINGSWOOD IN THE PARTY OF THE PAR

finish 11% 3rd to Gay Moore at Fontows 5 an on to 110yd, good to soft). RICH REMORSE, a winner in the heavy over an extended 5m, leaset 25% 3rd to Woodgate at Followed parties of 50% colors (an 2), good to soft). CHATSBY overcame a langity absence to best Granny Pray On by 2% at Windoor (2m 5%, soft) assessorial debut and can be expected to come on for the outing. MALMAJOR, who led on his lesset start.

15 806P-OP SRIOWY AUTURN 22 (D Sharps) J Old 5-10-7... 18 6 SUN FEARL 46 (W Tyrwids-Drains) J Gifford 5-10-7... 17 6 TOCHERIA 25 (P Minton-Priot) Mrs J Croft 6-10-7... 16 P-F4 TRISFELYN ROBE 3 (Mrs J Wests) M Pipe 7-10-7...

TRAINERS

FORM FOCUS FIRST CRACK improved improvement.

SILL AND COUP Indiated 15 6th of 16 to RE-Na-Rithurn over course and distance (good to firm). LISALEEN LADY inlied to stay when finishing 11th of 18 et Wincanton (2m Sit; earlier 15) and to Lady selection: PRIST CRACK (sup)

BETTING: 2-! First Crack, 9-2 Rydewells Daughter, 5-1 Listhen Lady, 15-2 Rository, 8-1 SM And Coup, flays Rose, 12-1 Semetords Girl, 14-1 others.

1985: OFORGIC 6-10-7 J Leech (13-8 fev) Mrs J Physian 13 ran

Course specialists

1985: CARFAX 4-10-7 M Hoad (S-1) R Hoad 10 ran

2.0 LOUISE STOCKDALE CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: \$2,790: 3m 190yd) (12

1998: WOODGATE 8-11-4 C Liewellyn (7-1) T Forster) 10 ram

2.30 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (QUALIFIE): \$1,995:

had-previously finished 71 Srd Leicenter (3m, good to soft).

Saluction: UNCLE RAGGY

UNCLE RAGGY looks on a very reasonable mark after running on well to beat Charlie Nose by Sover rourse and distance (good to soft), improving with experience. MASTY DIVER is best judged on a 2%/ 2nd to Justinowayousce at Leicester (Sn., good) on negurinos.

Rosante et Wincinton (211, good).
PENNY ROBE, winner of a NH flat race on hisely ground at Forewall (211 27) in 1988, showed little on his burding debut, but balls from a stable abusys to be feared in this type of event. ROSITARY stayed on to finish a poor 371 3rd to Grystal Counst ut Forewall (211 21, good to soft).

TREFELYN MOSE drops back in distance after friesting 19% 4th to Harbour Walk at Utionatur (Sm., 2017).

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Long headloap: Blackwell Sty 9-10, Hasty Diver 9-5, Just Perkins 5-4, SETTING: 2-1 Chastoy, 3-1 Uncle Raggy, 5-1 Kingswood Kilchens, 7-1 Righ Reg k, 10-1 Just Perkins, 14-1 Offers.

West Tip, winner of the 1986 Stand National and who has seen placed in the last three variouals, made his seasonal

debut in the Diagley Dell Huntdebut in the Dingley Dell Hunters Chase.

The 13-year-old showed be could still be a force to be reckoned with in this year's Alastree snarsthon when finishing a promising third behind the 25-leagth winner, Cransser.

His owner, Peter Luff, was delighted with the veteran's performance, while Sarah Ofi-

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ver, wife of trainer Michael Oliver, reported: "The plan is to return here at the end of the month. The main targets would be the Christies Foxhunters at the Festival followed by a sixth crack at Aistroc."

Another veteran Lean Ar Aghaldh, who finished fourth, will bypass Cheltenhan in fa-voor of Aintree's Seagram Foodsmasers. Foxhunters.
Nearly tailed off at half-way,
the 13-year-old made significant
progress in the closing stages.
"He just wants better ground,"
said trainer Stan Mellor, adding: "He was jumping well but

brought about the familiar sight of a Pipe-Scudanore winner with Re-Release in the Charnwood Novices' Hurdle. The five-year-old mare, second on the Flat in the November Handicap and third in the Cambridgeshire, led from start to finish to win by six lengths. Winning course Jim Ennie.

Winning owner Jim Ennis, who had the 1979 Mackeson Gold Cup winner Man Alive, said: "Martin Pipe has put her in at Cheltenham. But we'll have another run to see just how good she is." 3.0 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,501: 3m 190yd) (13 runners) 3.0 SEL 1 WITH THE TOTE MOVICES CHASE (CUBINET: 22,501

2 SUJ- CARMIELUS THE GREAT 325 (* Windington (UK) Ltd) G Batcle
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3 SUS-PAP DARTON N 28 (SIG) SI Taberrary P Juciaes 11-10-10.
5 D9-P2F4 DEC SHOKE 14 (Pal-mail Parinary) A Tunnet 6-10-10.
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5 SIG-PFFP GEORGIAN SAV S (S) (L Worner) S Saverar 10-10-19.
7 S JUNET SHITTERAY 22 (Mirs M Thomas) N Handardon 8-10-10.
8 3 JOHN'S BRITTERAY 22 (Mirs M Thomas) N Handardon 8-10-10.
9 3-3538F MANADOR 72 (PAS) (D Harriely & Baicing 2-70-70.
11 PO-SPS ROCKY PTT 15 (Mirs P) Signify O Shanwood 9-10-10.
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12 PS 76/JUNENY 12 (Anne Duchess Of Westminster) 7 Porsier 7-10-71
13 23-353F PROVIDENCE LODGE 45 (E.C.S) (C Bird N) F Westyn 9-10-5.

EXTYPHENT 7-2 (John's Stitcher, S-18 (O A Chous, E.) (Komarcon, S-1) (Kingston, S-1) James (7) J Front ... J Coborne is Guingbe H Davier

METTHO: 7-2 John's Sicholay, 5-1 Bit Of A Clown, 6-1 Kamadoor, 8-1 Derion RI, Rambling Echo. 1986: LEAGAUNE 7-11-3 M Lynch (7-4 tav) T Casey 13 ran FORM FOCUS BUT OF A CLOWN.
Gough on resources debut here of by Mr.
Gough on resources debut here (2m 51 110)d.
good: lettest 71 by Speakers Corner at Chelestham
On 11, good to limit, DARTON RI showed some
ability less researce when 251 2nd of 13 to Decreater
at Lalcaster (3m, good).

JABBAY BRIG (same terms) always prominent rift Stit.

JOHN'S BRICHEDAY made most used no easier from test on chasing bow at Laicester (2m 44, good) when an encouraging 4% 3rd to Cash its lides, (AMADOOR 2001 bester 24 4th to Just So on penulitate start at Chapatow (3m, heavy), RAMBELING ECHO westered 3 out to fisien 3SI ten to Out Fallow at Foliaetone (3m 27, good to sort). Selection: DIE BROKE

DISTRIBUTE CONTROL WAS SO SINGLE CONTROL OF SOIL OF SOIL WITH

3.20 MANNING HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,884: 2m 5f 110yd) (18 runners) G Wings (7) 4 20030- MASSIME 200 (5) plan E Ludiow) Min. E Ludiow 12-12-8. J P Clarks (7) 5 324/34- CAROLEY HOUSE 347 (9:5) (C Conen) 10-12-8. J Barton (7) 6 2009049 SER KERNWIN 572 (623) (C Stradent) C Stradent 12-12-9. J Rese (7) 7 (F7261- SMULLYAM 259 (F) (T Hughes) T Hughes 8-12-9. R Take (7) 8 55/351- SMUNCE CRICPT 202 (c.5) (J Furnised J Farnised 5-12-9. R Take (7) 9 (44123- TRUE BLOOM 200 (5) (G Tanry) (G Tanry 11-12-9. J Presided (7) 10-12-1000 BLOOM 200 (5) (G Tanry 11-12-9. G Tanry 17) 9 (44123- TRUE BLOOM 200 (5) (G Tanry 11-12-9. G Tanry 17) 9 (44123- TRUE BLOOM 200 (5) (G Mins) (G Tanry 11-12-9. G Tanry 17) 9 (G Tanry 11-12-9. G Tanry 17) 10-12-9. R Take (7) 10-12-9. R TAKE (7

1986: FATHER BRADY 10-12-5 Mr J Greenall (13-2) J Greenall 7 ran FORM FOCUS FATHER BRADY TRUE BLOOM headed that when bestern neck by Destring Fred at Cheltenhem (2m., good to firm). FUHM FOCUS FATHER BRADY never pearer 28%; 5th to Cartain Light at Ascot (20m 4, good to soft; better effort previously when 198 3rd to Mystic Music at Haydock (3m, heavy) with OALLEY HOUSE (sease terms) 120 th and NORT SAFE tailed off 5th. SAULLYAN best only other finisher, Ariecchino, a dissance on firms start lest term in Utsossers novice (2m 4f, firm); previously 224 4th to Classified at Humingdon (3m, firm), stwitterOE CROFT all cut to delect Saven's Specia 2 at Townster (5m 150yd, heavy).

NAMOOS one paced 241 5th to talend Pearl at Fortheel (2m 6f, firm) on last recourse appear-ance 2 seasons ago. Has faired batter over longer trips in points.

MOOR SCOPE good effort on pe Chellenham (3m 2f, good) when finishing 1815th to West Tip with Militaria (8th worse off) telled off fish.

4.0 TIFFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE (22.072: 2m 5f 26vd) (19 runners) 9 0835-44 TRUE LOOP 45 (BLRF) (MTs F Waleym) F Waleym F-10-12 K Moot
10 2100/9-F RONDEAU 26 (F,R) (Vennet Racing Lie) P Jones 7-10-10 E 10
11 PSS-00 TRVAN 14 (0,R) (Mts E Robinson) J White 10-10-0 D Skyrms (
12 320-040 SARA LAME 42 (S Pearso) N Ayilfre 6-10-5 Shorps 8-10-5 L Marketo
14 SP-00-P BELEVIAN 16 (BLR) (J Dorse) C Triedine 6-10-9 Foot 8-10-2 I Lamenou
15 41000 TRVANN RONG 40 (F,R) (Succe Of F Cormun) R Foot 8-10-2 J Fre
15 13-003 HIGH ALDFT 15 (BLR) (J Stone) A Devison 6-10-0 R Shorps
17 24101-0 STONE MADRIES 36 (BLR) (J Stone) A Devison 6-10-0 Shorps
18 3/2-42-0 FOLE PROFT 46 (S) (Mts D Devisol R) Devisor 7-10-0 R Shorps
18 14-003 R Shorps
19 PHYLLIAN FOX 56 (8) (Mts C Middlaton) R Edicey 7-10-0 R Pearson
Leng headings: Stores Medines 9-8, Polecroft 6-18, Physide Fox 6-3,
BETTRICK 11-4 longs Resik, 3-1 Devys Weir, 4-1 True Loop, 8-1 Wilson The Witch, 11-2 Clem.

1989: THE DECENT THENG 6-11-0 J Frost (4-5 tav) G Balding) 9 van

FORM FOCUS KINGS RANK 41 2nd to Brahazon at Mar-lest Resen (Am., good to soft). GOLDEN ASSET started a warm terouries for a Newcastle handicap (2m 44, orly on his first start text term when 1/1 2nd to Westard. CSBA lost nothing in 7% delet by Rogers Princess at Wanvick (2m 5f, sort). WINNEE THE WITCH held every chance when falling 2 out on respectations at Manufact (2m) invest confirmed that propose when

TRUE LOOP 5161 4th to Scylle's Chip in armstein hendiscop at Polisisione (Sm 31, soft). TROJAN BONG staying on 141 3rd to Pavalic Consedy at Devon (2m 11, soft). HIGH ALOFT 14 3rd to Ha'penny Nap on the all weather at Southwell (2m 2f, standard).

4.30 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2.052: 2m 5f 26vd) (18 runners) 4.30 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,052: 2m 5f 26yd) (18 runners

1 \$-22941 RITO THE RED 11 (B) (J Huckte) C Trivition 6-11-10 R Bellewy (B)
2 30-1375 TREBLE TROUBLE 22 (b) (P Witney) Mrs C Postdethwaite 5-11-10 L Viver 6
3 U1112 - RED 10E TOUT 25 (67F.P) (Plos Soutismpore Racing Ptc) M Pipe 7-11-0 P Soutismpore
4 214943 RETURN TO ROBIANCE 23 (P) (C Wright) F Jordan 4-11-3 J Leider (B)
5 280-137 THE NETTLE DANGER 22 (Leby A Bentisch) J Glover 6-11-3 J Leider (B)
6 28(-42 SUSTAMBERTE 13 (Bris A Gibber) J White 7-11-2 H Dander
7 4044-3 MR GEE 105 (M Ferrett) R Curtis 5-11-1 D Monte
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Bacher is convinced his course is correct



At the centre of the storm: Ali Bacher, who organized the the controversial visit by the English players

As the tour by Mike Gatting's English XI reaches the halfway stage, nobody can be certain whether protests against the visit will decrease or intensify now that Nelson Mandela has been released. A second five-day inter-

national starts in Cape Town on

Friday and then seven one-day

matches complete the programme. The demonstrations so far, though regretted, have not been on the scale predicted, according to Dr Ali Bacher, managing director of the South African Cricket Union (SACU). This confirms SACU's belief that the tour "is not a core issue in South African politics," Bacher said in answer to questions submitted by The

Bacher confirmed that the contractual commitment involving the English team to return in 1990-91 would be honoured, and he hoped the political climate would make it possible for matches to take place "in the right cricket atmosphere". Should this prove impossible it can be surmised that the English players would be found coaching and playing jobs in domestic South African cricket.

The role played by Bacher himself in recent weeks, has been perhaps the most remarkable facet of an eventful period in cricket history. While never wavering in a determined crusade to see the tour completed he has simultaneously acted as a mediator between protesters and police and has also liaised closely with the South African government.

Bacher, son of a Lithuanian Jew who fled from the European holocaust and arrived in South Africa with nothing, was a solid, dependable batsman, who was Transvaal captain at 21 and led South Africa to a 4-0 victory over the Australians in 1969-70, in the last official Test series the republic

He earned widespread admiration for his work in non-white hospitals and in recent years has proved one of the world's most outstanding

Q: How close has this tour come to cancellation, remembering it seems to have been overtaken by political events, such as the release of Nelson Mandela and the government's internal reforms? Surely it has been an irritant to the

A: During November 1989, the full board of the South African Cricket Union met the National Sports Congress, a body which is opposed to the tour. The NSC wished us to cancel the tour and

The SACU is most sympathetic to many of the policies and philosophies of the NSC, in particular that all sportsmen should have equal rights and opportunities. We do not believe, however, that a sports boycott is beneficial to South African cricket. The SACU was formed in 1977 as a non-racial body and we are proud of our efforts on behalf of all South African sportsmen. We strongly believe we do not any longer deserve to be isolated from international competition. As sports administrators we have a primary duty to our cricketers to provide our top players with the best possible competition.

Immediately following the meeting with the NSC, the full board of the SACU re-looked at the tour issue in the light of the representations from the NSC. It was unanimously decided to proceed with the tour. One board member has subsequently had second thoughts but the decision of the board stands.

At no stage since the above meetings has cancellation of the tour been seen as a serious option. Regarding the political events, we are naturally sensitive to the importance of the changes taking place in South Africa. As responsible administrators, we met with a senior cabinet minister to establish whether the cricket tour could in any way jeopardize the promised programme of reform by the government. We were assured that would not. The unbanning of organizations such as the African National Congress and the release of Mr Mandela, which have occurred during the tour, are proof that this tour has not retarded the reform process.

Another move by the SACU to test opinion was to commission an independent Markinor/Gallup poll which was conducted among black, coloured and Asian South Africans. The scientific poll found that those blacks who had an opinion favoured the tour by close to a two-to-one majority.

Q: In your own mind, what has the tour achieved? Your critics point to the civil disturbances that have followed; your cricket development scheme in the townships has been put at risk; and other South African sporting bodies such as the Olympic committee have said that their own cause is not being helped by the cricketers' visit?

A: The two most important objectives of the SACU are: (1) to develop cricket at grass-roots level, of which the township programme is a crucially important element; (2) to maintain

helps us to fulfil the second goal by providing our best players with strong international opposition provides an opportunity for some 200,000 South Africans to attend the matches, and for millions of all population groups to watch on television.

We naturally regret any disturbances that have been linked to the tour but accept that in turbulent times of change such events are possible. The protest against the tour have not been on the scale predicted, which con-firms our belief that the tour is not a core issue in South African politics. Furthermore, there has been dialogue between ourselves and the protest leaders which has established various ground rules for peaceful protest, which has been a positive development.

Because of political pressure to promote the game in the

Cricket was a leader in nonracial sport in South Africa and our conscience is clear vis à vis other sports. I do not believe the tour will in any way hinder efforts by other sports bodies to gain

tour, the English cricketers have been unable to make a direct impact on our political situation. I hope this will be different on their

had a negative effect on crowd

Test match to have been played on a pitch which would have provided a more even contest between bat and ball.

The visit of the English team for the first time in three years. It

several development schemes have been put on hold. I expect cricket to continue to thrive in the townships because the children that have been exposed to the game love it dearly. Their aspirations have been raised and it is important that the momentum of the programme is not allowed to peter out, whether I am in charge of it or anyone else. For my part, if other organizations have the drive, the motivation and the enthusiasm to satisfy the aspirations of these young cricketers I would not hesitate in encouraging our existing sponsors to continue

Q: Leaving aside the media coverage, whose tone I know has disappointed you in several instances, what are the other aspects of the toer that you wish had turned out differently? A: It is a pity that on this short

second visit next season. Also, the new phenomenon of demonstrations has undoubtedly

On a purely cricket note, I would have wished for the first

Q: You have been known to say

that you disapprove of apartheid but love cricket more and that the game in South Africa would wither and die without the stimulus of international competition. What originally converted you to the belief that apartheid was wrong and how much anger or criticism do you meet from Afrikaaners day in day out? Any personal threats?

A: As a young doctor at Baragwanath hospital on the outskirts of Soweto I came into contact with many black South Africans and was aware of the oppressive laws facing black people. As a cricketer I was jolted into awareness of the wider political situation by the cancellation of the Springbok tour of England in 1970 and the tour of Australia in 1971-72. In both instances I had been appointed captain. I became aware that our cricket was run on racial lines and that we deserved to be excluded from the inter-

national game.

I have been criticized for my commitment to non-racial principles and my stand in favour of peaceful demonstrations, but this criticism does not stem entirely from Afrikaans-speaking South Africans, nor has it been on a scale to cause me undue worry. I also receive many messages of support from a wide cross-section of our community.

I have not received any personal threats that have been genuinely

Q: Looking to the future, you consistently hedge about next season's return visit by the English cricketers. Will you be redering whether this takes lace and what factors would be involved in your thinking? A: We have a contractual commit-

ment to the players for two seasons and will honour this. We hope that the climate at the end of the year will make it possible for the English players to play cricket in South Africa in the right cricket

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Q: What steps can SACU take next in their dealings with the International Cricket Council? The ICC continues to show few signs publicly that it wishes to have anything to do with you.

A: The ICC sent a fact-finding delegation to South Africa in 1979 which found that the SACT

which found that the SACU was a non-racial, effective controlling body. That report was shelved. Since then, a delegation of the SACU has gone to London every year to maintain contact with international administrators. We intend to maintain such contacts. in the belief that eventually justice will prevail - and a non-racial Springbok team, picked on merit, will take to the field in official Test

CRICKET: THE CARNIVAL IS OFFICIALLY OVER FOR GOOCH'S PLAYERS AS THEY ARE FORCED TO CONFRONT THE SEVERE REALITIES OF A CARIBBEAN TOUR

Practice will not paper Tendulkar Imran's Test career in balance over England's cracks

morning England's innocents next 45 days they will not see a twist. abroad left paradise behind

since leaving their wintry, will wander, after dark, at windswept homes, the young their peril. men in England's rawest tour party for years have lived an from six and a half weeks in illusory existence in the sort of the cities of Port of Spain, holiday hotels where the fabu- Kingston and Georgetown lously wealthy squander a they will be fully conversant their fortunes. In their barbados villas, on the stunders and physical demands of a West Indies ning cliff tops of St Kitts and series. If, by the time they fly in their beachside retreat on St gratefully back to Barbados, Lucia it must have been easy Lucia it must have been easy they remain in contention, for them to scoff at all the English cricket will have untrepidation which surrounds a deniable cause to celebrate West Indian campaign. that been the cricket has been world.

somehow unreal. Against the might of the Leeward Islands seems more fanciful now than they declined to enforce the at any time since the planning follow-on and might have lost; began. If the match in St Lucia against the modest Windward Islands they followed on themselves and almost won. Neither game had the constit- forgetting its lines was only nents of relentless fast bowling mildly redeemed by a suitably and untrustworthy pitches on theatrical final act. which West Indian legend is founded.

had limited use but it is as well underlying fear that no for England's 14 Caribbean amount of practice will newcomers that they left St camouflage their essential Lucia yesterday reflecting on mediocrity. what was so nearly a remarkable victory rather than, as tain, can hardly be expected to seemed more apposite, a de-feat of undignified propor-at least outside his private tions. They may still have lost, nightmares, and yesterday, as

board here yesterday, held within bours of a bomb destroy-

ing a ticket office at the Newlands ground, Cape Town,

where the second five-day inter-

national starts on Friday, in-

No statement was issued after

the board meeting. It is under-

stood, however, that the ques-

tion of either the tour's abandonment, or a rescheduling

of fixtures to avoid the troubled

Cape area did not arise Dr Ali.

Bacher, the chief official of

SACU, did, though, present a

tour was being discussed.

evitably sparked rumours that cricketers will be in no danger in the future of the English XI's Cape Town. Certainly, though,

lengthy report on all aspects of the English tour so far.

after the first international fin-ished on Saturday.

beach, they will be among and confronted the severe businessmen not holiday-realities of a Caribbean tour. makers, and they will live in

> By the time they emerge that brave but elusive new

> Sadly, such an outcome It is not just that one feels

England need more prepara-As preparation it may have tion time. It is more the Graham Gooch, the cap-

Bomb blast at tour ground

From Richard Streeton, Johannesburg

A four-hour meeting of the man admitted that security at he felt "totally drained and

South African Cricket Union's Newlands had been sadly "thin-demotivated" by the continu-

ner" than usual because of the demands on manpower made on Sunday by Nelson Mandela's release. SACU has been assured

that maximum security has

been restored and that the

Cape Town. Certainly, though,

extremely threatening noises are coming from the Western Cape branch of the National Sports

SACU officials are believed to be divided following a report from the selectors that they

wanted to recall Clive Rice to

the South African 12 in place of

Kepler Wessels, who withdrew

They may not know it yet, but They need all the pride they "confidence boost" his side in the course of yesterday can muster right now. For the received from Sunday's late

"I had thought all day that we could win with a lead of 150," he said, "I was probably For almost three weeks, city hotels from which they about right. We did not quite noe leaving their wintry, will wander, after dark, at get enough runs but we still put them under pressure and they panicked. Our spinners bowled well."

The encouraging form of Hemmings and Medlycott, however, is minor compensation for the growing concerns of England's batting and seam bowling. Gooch addressed himself honestly enough to these problems.

"We didn't bat well in either innings, although I was pleased to see Allan Lamb make runs as he is such a key player," he said. "It was not a pitch on which you could easily judge seam bowling but we have to sort out the no-ball problem. We can't afford to bowl one, let alone more than 30 in an innings."

Gooch is confident that Small's shoulder strain will be sufficiently recovered for him to play in tomorrow's first one-day international and he is publicly phlegmatic about England's skimpy match practice. "In our position you would always like another warm-up game but this is the way things are over here."

As the only veteran of two previous Caribbean tours, Gooch knows better than but a precious measure of the squad flew to Trinidad, he anyone that, today, the car-pride was salvaged. was still speaking of the nival is officially over.

ation of feelings caused by most South African cricketers' belief

that he should not have been called to the colours after play-

The England players practised

yesterday with Foster working hard to rediscover his rhythm

and control. It was amusing to

hear him decline to bowl in the

nets to the left-handed Ellison

because, following Wessels's withdrawal, South Africa no longer had a left-handed

Dilley practised with his in-

jured knee bandaged but defi-

nitely misses the second international though Gatting

hopes he can play alternate oneday games during the limited-

ing for Australia.

misses his hundred

From Qamar Ahmed Napier

Sachin Tendulkar's youthful exuberance dashed his attempt to become the youngest bats-man to score a Test match century. He was out, 12 short of

centry. He was out, 12 short of a maiden Test hundred, as India declared at 358 for nine.

In reply, New Zealand had scored 178 for one in their first innings, when bad light stopped play on the fourth day of the second Test at McLean Park. Thirteen overs till received to Thirteen overs still remained to be bowled, and with rain pre-dicted for today, the final day, the Test seems likely to end in a

India resumed the fourth day's play at 348 for seven, aiming for a declaration as soon as little Tendulkar raised that first hundred. The declaration came within 20 minutes, as India lost two more wickets for the addition of 10 runs, includ-ing Tendulkar, who, resuming at 80, his overnight score, was caught at extra cover by John Wright, off Danny Morrison, for 88 in the third over of the day.

Tendulkar's dream of becoming the youngest century-maker in Tests was shartered, but there is still one Test to go in the series, and if he is unable to achieve his goal then, it will be too late by the time he, and India, meet England at Lord's, in the first Test, in July. He will be older than the

mevious youngest, Mushtaq Mohammad, who made his hundred when only 17 years 92 days at Delhi, against India, in 1961-62 For the rest of the day, before

bad light stopped play, the New Zealand openers, Wright, who finished unbeaten on 113 runs, and Franklin, enjoyed them-selves on a wicket which rarely helped the seamers or the spin-ners. The two put on a record first-wicket partnership, against India, of 149 before being separated.

NOTA: First innings

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Kapil Dev Rw b Hadlee 4
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Total (1 wkd) 178

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Memson to bet. FALL OF WICKET: 1-149. BOWLING: Prabhakar 13-3-25-0; Kapil Dev 14-4-30-0; Wasson 15-2-48-1; Hirvani 18-7-40-0; Raju 11-4-27-0.

Umpires: S Woodward and S Aldridge.

From John Woodcock

Imran Khan is not letting on whether the Test match which finished here on Thursday was his last. Once already he has been persuaded out of retirement, more or less by presiden-tial decree, and when he makes up his mind again nothing on earth will persuade him to change it.

Within the next year Pakistan are scheduled to play another 12
Test matches — three against Sri
Lanka and three against New
Zealand, all in Pakistan, and six Zeatand, an in rantscan, and six in India; and they would be much the stronger for having Imrau in their side. Although now 37, he is batting as well as he ever did, and he holds them together as captain in a way that no one else ever has.

As captains' innings go, it is hard to think of a better one than his 136 in the second Test in Adelaide last month, As a Adelaide last month. As a bowler, though, he finds his rhythm, and accordingly his pace, becoming increasingly elusive. Being a proud Pathan, it angers him not to be a spearhead any more. I like to think, for cricket's sake, that he will be reconciled to this and go on for a

Any stability that Pakistan cricket has emanates from Imran. He has a manner which commands respect, a back-ground which bestows prece-dence, a charm which disarms opposition and looks which prostrate the opposite sex. Patpristrate the upposite sex, rat-rick Eagar, the cricket photog-rapher, finds himself supplying quite as many pictures to larran's female admirers as for public consumption: just as he would have done 40 years ago to Denis Compton's, and probably has to Vivian Richards's.

Because of the cause which Imran has embraced, it is a help to be in the public eye, and therefore to be playing inter-national cricket. He has "totally committed" himself to building in Labore a cancer bospital for the poor, and to finding £5 million for the purpose. As he attributes his position of strength in Pakistan to his nal performances on the field, the longer he can play with distinction the more successful he will be in raising the money he needs. It is not so much the poverty in

Pakistan as the poor standard of medical care (haif the children that die there do so of carable diseases) that motivates him. He became particularly aware of it when visiting a small boy in hospital who had been burt while watching the Pakistan team at practice.

Finding, in some cases, four to a bed, he decided to do some-thing about it. The call is much stronger than when he turned down, in General Zia's day, the chance of a post in the Cabinet, or than it would be if he were asked to become a cricket

Imran has never drunk al-cohol in his life and never smoked. Knowing how essential it is for faster bowlers to stay fit if they are not to lose their edge in their middle and late twenties, he worries about the temptations that are strewn in the path, for 23, and Imran's brightest

Imran talks of the imamount of talent in Pakistan cricket, but of an ineffective domestic programme which creates no regional rivalries or "crowd identification," and takes place on half a dozen pitches that have had all the life played out of them. His days at Oxford, where he

rast tays at Oxioru, where he read politics and economics, he recalls with affection and gratitude. His own hero was his first consin, Majid Khan, who was at Cambridge and had perhaps more of a flair for batting than Imran but not the same qualities of leadership. of leadership.
Oxford provided intellectual intercourse of a kind which

Highest score: 136 v Australia, Adelaide, 1989-90.

Best bowling: eight for 58 v Sri Lanka, Faisalabad, 1981-82.

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Imran: inspiring leadership

IMRAN KHAN IN TESTS

Imran: Inspiring leadership
Imran has not found since,
except in a small way and for a
short time with Sussex. Of the
different cricketing systems he
has played (in Pakistan, Australia and England) Australia's (he
had a season with New South
Wales) impressed him much the
most, not least because of its
competitiveness.

Although he thinks his two
years of Packer cricket improved his game, he had had
enough of it by the ead of them.
Playing with John Snow and
Mike Procter helped him, one
showing him how to bowl side on

Mike Procter beloed him, one showing him how to bowl side on and the other coaching him in his run-np; but the banishment that went with it made him feel the need to play again for Pakistan.

Now, with 358 Test wickets

and 3,541 Test rans to his credit, he harbears increasing doubts whether Test cricket can survive "We didn't know what we were doing," he says, "when we built up one-day cricket. England is up one-day cricket. England is now the only country that has kept a sensible balance between Tests and one-dayers, and there-fore where attendances for the five-day game have remain

I am not sure that Imran has done all he could and should to comes! moderation from his managers, especially Haseeh Ahsan on Pakistan's last tour to England. On the other hand, there is truth in what he says about the prejudice of a local press, whether in Australia, England or elsewhere.

He is as strong an advocate as He is as strong an advocate as there is of an international panel

there is or an international panel of ampires, as the chairman of the International Cricket Commicil, Colin Cowdrey, discovered when he was here earlier this week; and he and the manager of his present side, Intikhab Alam, have both been won over by Sir Donald Bradman into believing that the back-foot no-ball law must have been more satisfacmust have been more satisfac-tory than its front-foot replace-

ment, now in operation.

When I joined Imran in his
Sydney suite the travelling
physiotherapist had him physiotherapist had him plugged into some wonderful contraption that was doing its therapeutic work on a calf muscle. Now some stunning creature has come gliding in, bearing an armful of what look like lovingly ironed shirts. There is a huge bunch of flowers, wrapped in cellophane, on the centre table. The next evening they were to be seen together, as striking a pair as there was in striking a pair as there was in the house, at the first night of the musical, Chess.

Imran likes to walk up ridges in the Salt Range, 100 miles from Lahore and 7,000 feet up on a crisp and sunsy morning, and to shoot driven grouse in Scotland. For the moment, though, there are more of those confounded one-day internationals—those things which draw the crowde — to be draw the crowds - to be attended to; and there is a decision to be made as to whether to play on for a few more months. I think he will, but

 Statistics compiled by Richard Lockwood Watkin hard handled Recall for McDermott Sydney (AFP) - Craig average of 22 runs, including a

Imran is one of only three players — Ien Botham and Kapil Dev are the others — to score 3,000 runs and take 300 wickets in Tests. He is the fourth highest wicket-taker in Tests, behind Richard Hadlee, Botham and Kapil Dev. He has captained Pakistan 42 times in his 82 Tests.

Nairobi (Reuter) - Steve Watkin, the Glamorgan new-ball bowler, conceded 60 runs in 10.5 overs as Kenya beat the England A side by five wickets

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Skassam run out England A side by five wickets with seven balls to spare in a 55over match here on Sunday, Total (5 wkts) avenging Saturday's defeat by the same margin.

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beer cellars and car park at the

McDermott, the Queensland career-best of eight for 44 in his the Australian side, after 15 months, for the one-day match against Pakistan here today. McDermott, who replaces the injured Hughes, last played for Australia in the first Test match against West Indies at Parisbone. against West Indies at Brisbane

fast bowler, has been recalled to last match, against Tasmania. McDermott said he had shed

13 kilos since last season thanks to a regimen laid down by the former Test captain, Greg Chap-pell, and two months of rigorous training with the surfer, Trevor

against West Indies at Brisbane in November 1988.

McDermou, a right-hander, who has played 24 Tests and 64 one-day internationals, forced his way back into the side through performance.

He is the leading wicket-taker in this year's Sheffield Shield competition with 39 for an expected torn cartilage in a knee.

Wessels told the selectors that overs programme.

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FOOTBALL: ROXBURGH'S MEN GO ON AN ITALIAN RECONNAISSANCE TO THE SKIRL OF THE PIPES

World Cup bonuses for Scots

The thoroughness of Scot-land's preparations for their fifth consecutive appearance in the World Cup finals was once more evident yesterday as battle plans were revealed at the coastal resort of Ra-pallo, some 20 miles south of

Although the Scots have never gone beyond the first stage in the finals, the bonus stage in the mais, the bonus payments outlined specify what the players will earn if they succeed in winning the trophy. Preparing for such an eventuality should not be construed as over-weaning ambition but rather as part of the effort to leave as little as possible open to doubt. Ernie Walker, the retiring

secretary of the Scottish Foot-ball Association, who announced the payments scheme said: "It is fair to say that since the headier days of the late 1970s that money has never been a problem with us. Nobody is under the illusion that we are in the World Cup for the benefit of a small number of people. The bene-fits should be spread around Scottish football and we feel we have hit a proper balance." Andy Roxburgh, the nat-ional coach, added: The play-ers realize that they will benefit from things such as sponsorship, increases in transfer values and even the fact that some of them will get jobs as managers later, on the

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Each Scotland player will receive a £1,000 fee for each match in which he appears. Those who are left on the substitutes' bench will earn £650 and the unfortunates confined to the stand £325.

strength of having played in

If the team qualifies for the second stage these fees will be enhanced by bonuses of £2,500, £1,000 and £500 respectively. The SFA will award £27,500 to any player who appears in every match if the team should win the

Roxburgh was happy with the the success of the Scottish

scheduled for a formight ago when a combination of water-logged pitch and high winds caused it to be postponed, then

last week the weather once again intervened to delay the fixture

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The Football Association yesterday issuehed its successor to World Cup Willie and Bulldog Bobby as the emblem of England's World Cap campaign in Italy this summer — and, in spite of all the claims of peace and goodwill, the design for 1990, modelled above by the England players Adams, Lineker, Dorigo and Parker, looks remarkably as though a boot is being put into Italy (Louise

Boxer shorts, baseball caps and button badges are among a range of products bearing the design to be merchandised by Wembley Stadium Ltd under a three-year, £1 smillion contract with the

Football Association. The design shows the word "England" alongside the em-blem of a leg dressed in England sock and boot and shaped in the outline of the map

of Italy.

"We have avoided anything like buildogs, anything that is provocative, or that might cheapen the England team," Brian Wolfson, the chairman of Wembler and The FA and Wembley will bley, said. The FA and Wembley will take a 50-50 share of the turnover, which for a commemorative tankard.

officer of the FA, said he haved that the 10,000 supporters belonging to the official England Travel Club would wear the new T-shirts rather than "those ones with dreadfal logos, which we heartily disapprove of".

The range will be given the hard sell at England's three forthcoming Wembley internationals, as well as in shops at ports and airports where supporters are expected to buy on the way to the finals. Wolfson expects "to run into seven The products, including rosettes and figures". Prices range from 70p for a headbands, will also be distributed in badge and £5 for an inflatable leg to £23 Italy. The FA hopes that the contract will or a commemorative tankard.

Glen Kirton, the external affairs traders selling inferior products.

Ferrarris Stadium on Sunday. The match between pressure off them." Sampdoria and Genoa was a bit brutal but the surroundings were phenomenal and now we know what an excited crowd in that stadium will mean in terms of atmosphere. We like the fact the pitch is tight and the crowd is close to the

"I could have explained all this to them in Scotland, but being here and seeing it for themselves was infinitely familiarization exercise in Italy. "The players have been exceptionally enthusiastic they have seen exactly where

and how we will live and play, included in the final 22-man Roxburgh he will fully underbelieve me, that is a great

Attempts to win the support of the local population to Scotland's cause took the form of a "meet the public" session at a nearby castle, where they were entertained a pipe band and a sword dancer, imported from Dundee. Alex Ferguson, the manager

terday defended his decis to withdraw Brian McClair and Jim Leighton from the Scottish expedition, which Roxburgh warned could haz-ard their chances of being squad. He issued a similar caution in respect of Steve Nicol and Gary Gillespie, who were withdrawn at the insistence of Kenny Dalgish, the

Liverpool manager.
Ferguson cited his club's injury problems as the reason behind his decision, "Both players went into Saturday's game with Millwall with prob-lems; Jim was suffering from bruised ribs and Brian had an ankle injury. They are still feeling the effects of their injuries and require further treatment. I am sure that

stand my problems," Ferguson said.

Scotland will play Egypt at Aberdeen in a World Cup warm-up match on May 16, the first full international to be held at Pittodrie since 1972.

In the next formight Roxburgh and his assistant, Craig Brown, are to try to arrange two matches during the week which the Scotland squad will spend at Estoril prior to travelling outo Italy. It is hoped to play games against Portugal and the United

Clash of styles at Clubs hold Tranmere propose all-seat stadium

Rovers.

Terquay United have been forced to close their grandstand to all but season ticket holders

Transmere, of the third division, plan to build a 22,000-capacity, all-seat stadium over the next four years. Plans have been favored for the match with Italy in Salerno on February 25.

FA VAISE DRAW; Skith want: Rushden Town v Abington Town or Hythe Town: Paution Rovers or Yeading v Harsfield United; Spelding United v Guissley; Bitericay Town v Bridington Town. Maches to be payed on March 3. • Limfield, without Lee Doberty

4-1 home defeat by Cliffouville, Roy Coyle, the manager, will be desperately hoping that Doherty passes a fitness test on an injured ankle, and is available for tonight's Budweiser Cup semi-final against Glenswon, at the Oval (George Ace writes).

"It's touch and go," Coyle said yesterday, who still has nightmares over last season's result against the Lurgam team in the final, when they sustained their heaviest post-war defeat in donestic football, losing 6-1.

"My own opinion is that Doherty will make it, but I will await the outcome of the

SWIMMING

Swedish gold can round off season

From Craig Lord Gothenburg

today would round off the most successful season of Madeleine Scarborough's career.
Scarborough, aged 25, a supply teacher, who is coached by Chris Nesbit at Portsmouth Northsea, was flying high in Bonn at the weekend after her bronze medal success at the Commouwealth Games.
At Bonn, Scarborough came within half a second of Christiane Sieviert, when the East German set a world best of 27.54sec in the 50 metres

27.54sec in the 50 metres butterfly.

The British butterfly champion will seek to go one place better in Sweden, and in the final 1990 World Cup meeting in Leicester next week, before taking a well-earned rest.

She said: "I've got to sort out my life. For a couple of months, I'm going to concentrate on my teaching job. Hopefully, I will also find a sponsor to help me prepare for the world championships in Perth next January." ships in Perth next January." Scarborough will be joined in

Gothenburg by seven other members of the TSB English squad: Caroline Woodcock (Barnet), Lynda Racster (Ports-mouth), Caroline Piggott Moute), Caroline Figgott (Birmingham), Austyn Shortman (Bristol), Ian McKenzie (Braintree), Nick Polkinghorne (Truro) and Paul Pederzolli (Barnet). They will face the same world

class line-up that competed in Bonn, minus the East Germans. Anders Holmertz, of Sweden, will attempt to convert his record breaking short-course (25-metre pool) performances into long-course times, to provide his home crowd with a world record in the 200 metres or 400 metres freestyle. In Bonn or not meter freestyle. In Bohn there were five world best times and six European bests. England will be represented at this weekend's world cup meet-

ing, in Desenzano del Gardia, Italy, by six members of the intermediate squad: Richard Maden (Rochdale), Douglas Gatland (Beckenham), Tim Hart (Thurrock), Debis Morgan (Derwentside), Jayne Dowling (Bobcata) and Lucy Finlay (Kelly College).

SHOOTING

WRAF hit back to take title

The Women's Royal Air Force The Women's Royal Air Force won the women's inter-services rifle championship at Uxbridge yesterday for a fourth successive year (Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes).

Although the WRNS had looked the likely winners on weekend form in the warm-up

weekend form in the warm-up matches, the Air Force women produced the better average to finish nine ahead. The Army, after showing improved form earlier, fell back to third.

The Tait Trophy for the leading individual proved the closest test of the day with a tie between Petty Officer Wrem Brenda Green, of HMS Mercury, Portsmouth, and Cpl Tracy Wilkes, of RAF Marham, who both scored 199 out of 200.

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YACHTING

The gap is closing between leading **New Zealanders**

By Berry Pickthall

Eight days into the fourth leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race, 10 miles was all that divided the two New Zealand ketches, Fisher & Paykel and Steinlager 2, as they continued to edge ahead of their

21 rivals early yesterday afternoon.
Rothmans, the third-placed british yacht, remained 46 miles behind the leader, and was being challenged by Charles Jourdan, Alain Gabbay's French ultralight design. She passed Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss yacht, Merit, overnight and was within eight miles of Lawrie Smith and his crew after taking 39 miles out of Rothmans' lead overnight.

Merit, which hit a whale last week, then suffered damage to her mainsail and spinnaker pole during a wild broach on Saturday, dropped to fifth place after setting the second slowest speed of 11.7 knots between

atter setting the second slowest speed of 11.7 knots between satellite sweeps yesterday. By contrast, Fisher & Paykel, Steinlager and Charles Jourdan averaged more than 14.5 knots, against 13.1 by Rothmans.

of the 15 maxis, with Bob Salmon's Liverpool Enterprise bringing up the rear, 22 miles ahead of Dirk Nauta's sole Law. Following them came the two British entries in the cruiser class, with Creighton's Naturally leading With Integrity, which has lost the use of all her stilling interpretate by 80 miles. sailing instruments, by 80 miles. Patrick Tabarly's L'Esprit de Liberté continued to lead the

Leading positions LCAIGHTS DOSITIONS
Compiled at 13.17 GMT yeaterday with mass to Punts del Esta.

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Information provided by Brit Telecom.

five small yachts in Division 3, which were joined once more by Rucanor Sport, the Belgian entry that returned to New Zealand last week after colliding with a whale. She left Wellington at 09.30 GMT yesterday and is now unlikely to reach the finish line in Punta del Este before the fleet sets sail on the

Tabarly's yacht, although trailing Tracy Edwards's crew on Maiden in the overall stand-ings, moved 76 miles ahead of the women's team on this leg, and appeared to be sailing faster in the lighter winds being experi-enced at the back of the fleet.

Monnet on course for fresh dispute

Philippe Monnet, the French solo yachtsman whose one-stop round-the-world record voyage in 1987 was discredited when he was found to have received outside assistance on three occasions, sails into further controversy today. Monnet enters the Thames to

claim a record from Foo Chou to London, beating the 89 days set by the clipper ship, Sir Lancelot, in 1870. He has been 20 days quicker, but whether the record keepers will sense to his record keepers will agree to his claim is open to question. The trouble is that Monnet, in

The trouble is that Monnet, in his 60ft British-designed trimaran, Elle et Vire, did not begin his 13,500-mile voyage at Foo Chou. Barred from entering Chinese waters, Monnet was forced to begin from a point on the chart agreed with the French national authority, UNCL, well out to sea in international waters.

waters. Richard Boehmers, the lead-

ing American authority on speed records, said yesterday that be thought Monnet's starting position was close enough to qualify for the record. However, John Reid, secretary of the World Sailing Speed Record Council, which works under the umbrella of the International Yacht Racing Union, said the record could not be ratified because Monnet had not followed its rules.

notified about this attempt. we would have ensured that the record started from the correct place and that someone of

Record or not. Monnet's vov apart from his survival in the storms he has set a seven-day solo record of 2,089 miles over Christmas, covering 61 miles more than the Frenchman, Philippe Poupon.

REAL TENNIS

Chetwood's title again

consecutive George Wimpey Billy Ross-Skinner national invitation mixed doubles tour-nament at Hampton Court with

Sir Clifford Chetwood, ably in the first set. Despite his backed up by the world doubles champion, Alex Warren-Piper, hit top form to take his third above his handicap. above his handicap.
In the final, however, Warren-

Piper's pace and severity and Sir Clifford's knack of laying vital nament at Hampton Court with a fine victory over Prince Nicholas Galitzine and Sally Jones, the British Open champion (a Special Correspondent writes).

Sir Clifford, the chairman of George Wimpey, the game's leading sponsor, forced effectively for the dedans and also volleyed impeccably into the winning gallery at a crucial point characterists, and continued to the second by Joses and Galitzine, 6-5, 6-3.

BOXING

Negative test on Williams

Derek Williams. "To lose any fight now would year-old states: "I am our "Chance's left eye was sealed jeopardize my bopes of becom-

The drug test on Derek Williams has proved negative after his disastrous European heavy-weight title defence against Jean Chanet, of France, earlier this month. But Williams's manager, Mike Barrett, is still pressing for a rematch, claiming Chanet used "new skin" during the contest which turned his cut left eye to "cement".

Williams was widely tipped to beat Chanet. Barrett alleged: "I still feel there could be something in the dope suggestions. But there is nothing to back that up.

"I am asking the British Board of Control to get the European Boxing Union to make Chanet's next light against Chanet's left eye was sealed "To lose any fight now would states: "I am our compariots above him, the 28-year-old states: "I am our compariots above him, the compariots above him to the compariots above him to the

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Queen of South v Kilmarnock

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Village Lacure Hotels. TABLE TEMAS: England v Czecho słovnide (Bude). SPORT ON TV ATHLETICE: Screensport: 11.30pm-1.0sm. Hamilghts of the Mobile One International. International.

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The European Cup.

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EUROGRONT — WHAT A WEEK-Eurosport 6.0-7 Opm Review of the week's sport.

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TEMBER: Eurosport: 11.0sm-1.0pm. The Norm American Indoor championship from Torone.

SNOW REPORTS

further.

With the hosts looking to preserve their first division status, and the visitors attempting to attain it, the encounter leaders who are enjoying their best season for many years, play host to Exeter City, in second place.

The latter fixture has fre-

could prove an interesting yardstick as to the divide between for regionalizing the lower the top of the second division and the lower reaches of the first.

While Swindon adhere to a throat through the Cumbrians.

reasonably intricate passing ame, Palace rely on the more direct, long ball approach, so the clash of styles should prove a Rowbotham, the prolific Exeter

Selhurst Park

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Excellent ski conditions, has been snowing for three

business seminar

Crystal Palace and Swiadon
Town are scheduled to meet for the third time in the Zenith Data Systems southern area semi-final at Selburst Park tonight.

The visitors should be wary of Salako, the Palace forward who has scored three times in three games since being drafted into the side

A full third and fourth division clubs are to meet every year to consider how best to promote themselves as businesses (Keith Blackmore vision green and fourth division clubs are to meet to promote themselves as businesses (Keith Blackmore vision green and fourth division clubs are to meet to promote themselves as businesses.

vision programme teatures ta-ble-topping matches in both divisious tonight. In the third, Notts County, who are second, entertain Bristol Rovers, who are third. At the head of the fourth, Carlisle United, the leaders who are enjoying their best escent for many weet above. After the seminar, organized by the sports marketing consultants, Allen Mantle International, Michael Sinclair, the chairman of York City and the new chairman of the League's advisory committee of the third and fourth divisions, said: "We are in the sports business, but we are also in business. We have to do our best to make all the clubs financially viable."

mittee, said: "Everybody would have gone away from this seminar feeling that they achieved something.

ATHLETICS

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BASKETBALL

against the Republic of Ireland, by representatives of all the lower division clubs, at The Belfry on Sunday.

After the seminar, organized by the sports marketing consultants, Allen Mantle Interpretation of the superstance of the superstanc

inancially viable."

Devid Ruston, the chairman of Cambridge United and vice-chairman of the advisory com-

submitted to the local authority for approval, and the pitch at Prenton Park will be relaid.

• England B international

division.

The Football League is awaiting the referee's report before deciding whether to take any action over the delayed second-half kick-off in Saturday's game between Preston and Bristel

because of storm damage sus-tained in the last fortnight. Robbie Cooke, the Kettering await the outcome of the Town and former Millwall forward, has been recalled to the my team," Coyle added.

FOR THE RECORD

WAST-VELD SHEELD: Mellocuste: New South Wales 495-5 doe: Victorie 192 and 297-3 (W Ayris 134 not out, G Weits 69, I Frazer 61), Metch drewn, Lumiconance Taemenia 207-3 doc and 143 (T Hogan 5-50); Western Australia 229-4 dec and 116 (B Camposil 4-21, D Gilbert 4-50), Tauntania won by 56 name.

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GRANADA: Brite del Set: Final stage (120mp; 1, K Webz Gord, 2m Strain 21mc; 2, O Ludwig (50); 3, M Dommgutz (50); 8, 8 Kely (5my), same frito, Owenit 1, E Chappe, 22m Shrain Street; 2, M Martinez, 22:20,15; 3, P Lance (Fi), same time; 4, R Miler (68), 22:31.92. SEAZER HONES LEAGUE: Postpanet: Pro-mor divinue: Worcepur v Burron. PONTING CENTRAL LEAGUE: Postpaned: Pest divinion: Mindestruph v Beckpool. Second divinion: Mindestruph v Beckpool.

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Boxing's rulers are left in a void

THE TIMES

Boxing was in turmoil yes-terday after the decision of the in any doubt that Douglas's knockout was the more World Boxing Council (WBC) and the World Boxing Associconvincing As Dana Rinehart, mayor of Douglas's ation (WBA) to declare the home town of Columbus, world heavyweight title bout between Mike Tyson and Ohio, said: "The man won fair James "Buster" Douglas a and square. He's won it in the eyes of the world."
The British Boxing Board of

Tyson was knocked out in the tenth round in Tokyo on Sunday, but the WBC and WBA ruled that as Douglas had been given a long count of 13 seconds by Octavio Meyrán Sánchez, the referee, in the eighth round - confirmed by the videotape both boxers had a case and there should be no champion until the two bodies had discussed the matter on Feb-However, boxing experts decision should be anything condemned the decision and other than final. We asked sequences and damage to the

maintained that Douglas should be declared the champion, regardless of what action sport as a result of any move the WBC and WBA might to change a referee's take. Nor were the television decision."

Control (BBBC), whose chair-man, Sir David Hopkin, is the vice-president of the WBC, voiced its criticism yesterday. John Morris, the secretary of the board, said: "We have faxed a letter on behalf of the chairman, Sir David Hopkin, and the vice-chairman, Nip-per Read, to the WBC and WBA expressing that they and the board are very concerned that there should be any suggestion that the referee's them to consider the con-

The rules of the BBBC and boxing analyst employed by the European Boxing Union ABC Television, was equally the European Boxing Union (EBU) state that the referee's decision is final. The EBU rule goes further by stating that it is without appeal by the in- the WBA and WBC that I've terested parties, in all cases". Since boxing is a sport

where all measurements are inexact and boxers are having to accept controversial de-cisions all the time, the decision by the two bodies will be seen to have been taken with unseemly haste on the protest of Don King, who backs Tyson and promotes his

Bob Arum, a rival American promoter, said: "Last night should have been one of the greatest nights in the history of boxing Everybody felt good about the sport. To even suggest to take away the title from the kid, who had prepared for the fight and beat the invincible champion, is an

Rooney appeals to Tyson to work with him again

Rooney, the former trainer of else to say it was a long count. Mike Tyson, yesterday linked so he can get the title back," Rooney said. "Mike has been knockout by James "Baster" getting screwed left and right. Douglas to the boxer's association with the promoter, Don

"He should leave King and get back to me," Rooney said.
"Mike had no fire in his eyes, he didn't come to fight. You have to place the blame somewhere and they're the trainers [Jay Bright and Aaron Snowell], so they're the guys

Rooney was Tyson's trainer from 1981 until 1988 and was in his corner for the first 35 of his 38 professional fights. Tyson dismissed Rooney and his manager, Bill Cayton, after they had publicly criticized

Sure, Mike has to take most of the blame, but they didn't do their job," Rooney said. "If they were looking out for my fighter, he would have the fight never would have

"Don King is trying to get fought badly." I've lost before.

enham on Saturday have been

declared fit to play (Owen

The left wing, Arthur Emyr

(strained leg muscle), the

loose-head prop. Mike Grif-

fiths (ankle injury), the second

row, Andrew Allen (shoulder), and the No. 8, Mark Jones

(dead leg), passed fitness tests

under the supervision of

Tudor Jones, the Welsh Rugby Union physiotherapist,

before last night's training

session at Sophia Gardens,

getting screwed left and right. He should leave King and get

back to me. "The problem with King and all them is they let him [Tyson] call his own shots. He went over there just three weeks before the fight, then he gets knocked down in training by Greg Pagel and he takes five days off. Five days off.

"Those guys Bright and Snowell aren't trainers, they're gofers. Mike needed somebody who could look into his eyes and find out if he still had the fire to fight.

"At least he's proven now that he takes a good shot. Some people doubted he could do that. Doeglas nailed him continually, with good punches, hard punches. Mike took them until he couldn't take it anymore and started looking for a place to go."

Meanwhile, Tyson, accompanied by Don King, returned to New York in defiant mood, atthough he admitted he had

urday. Both Allen and Jones

left the field in their respective

The second row, Robert

Norster, who has been out all

season through injury, was again drafted in to help with

lineout moves and technique.

with the captain and scrum-

diff tomorrow afternoon.

The Welsh forwards, along

games on Saturday.

New York (Agencies) - Kevin the WBA, WBC and anybody It's no big deal," said Tyson, amateur in 1984 when he

States team for the Los An-

geles Olympics. Tyson added: "Tve always come back from a loss. I feel great. I have a slight swelling in my eye and as soon as it goes down I'm ready to go back to training I'll be pre-pared better next time."

Tyson said: "It was a bad decision. He [the referee] made a bad mistake."

Douglas, in Chicago yesterday on his way home to Columbus, Ohio, said that he wen the title fair and square. "I was never hurt," he said, referring to his knock-down in the eighth round. "I followed the count. I picked up the

He said he almost knocked

Tyson out in the ainth round, and the time he took getting to his feet in the eighth was simply a matter of, "catching my balance. The public itself will recognise me as the heavyweight champion of the world. They recognize that the troversy to me is the most absurd abuse of power from seen, and I've seen a lot. I think they can and will deny Buster Douglas his victory and will order a rematch. Tyson will probably knock out Douglas in the rematch.

"Mistakes happen all the time. But the referee's count is official," Wallan added. "The round was over. It would have been one thing if it was two ninutes into the round and the guy got time to recover. There's no doubt Buster Douglas could've gotten up any time after the count of

While the WBC investigates the "long count", the leading contenders. Evander Holyfield, George Foreman, Razor Ruddock, Michael Dokes and others, were asking. "Whom do I fight if I want to be

Before leaving Tokyo, Douglas said that as far as he was concerned he was the champion and would be defending against Holyfield, the No. 1 challenger. He would consider a rematch with Tyson only after meeting

Since Tyson's defeat had put in doubt his \$13 million defence against Holyfield on June 18 in Atlantic City, Holyfield's camp was sure about its next move. It could see a legal nightmare looming if the two world bodies insisted on going with King.

"As far as we can tell, we have no idea what will hap-pen," Kathy Duva said for Main Events-Monitor, Holyfield's promoter. "There are so many possibilities, it boggles

"The WBA has signed agreements with Tyson and Douglas, binding the winner to fight Holyfield next," she added. "If they back down on that decision, we have a lawsuit. We have an agreement to fight for the world heavyweight championship. We purposely didn't put in anyone's [the WBC, WBA or IBF, or all three] champion. We don't want to fight this out in court. We're supposed to make the fighters rich, not the



Fallen hero: Tyson is caught in sombre mood as he arrives back in New York yesterday

Macari and Hillier are found guilty of placing football bets

By Dennis Signy

Brian Hillier, the chairman of Swindon Town, and Lou Macari, who left the Wiltshire club last summer to manage West Ham United, were yesterday found guilty of betting on their team to lose an FA Cup tie at Newcastle United in

January 1988.
After a hearing at Lancaster Gate lasting more than 31/2 hours, an FA commission suspended Hillier from football for six months from February 26, fined Macari

£1,000 and Swindon £7,500. by the federation chief, Senes Tom Finn, the secretary of West Ham, promptly issued a statement saying that Macari's position at Upton Park was unaffected and that he would be in charge for tomorrow's Littlewoods Cup semi-final against Oldham Athletic at

> The three-man commission, headed by Geoff Thompson, the chairman of the FA Disciplinary Committee, and including Barry Bright (Kent) and Noel White, a director of Liverpool, lis-

many, club. Piontek said later he planned to fly to Istanbul to sign a contract immediately after finalizing terms.

Manchester United and Scottish midfield player, was player-manager of Swindon

from 1984 to 1989. He won 24 caps for Scotland between 1972 and 1978 and played 56 times for Celtic, scoring 32 goals, before being sold to Manchester United in 1973. For the Manchester club, he made 329 appearances, scoring 78 goals. He won an FA Cup winner's medal in 1977 and a loser's medal in 1979.

He guided Swindon from the fourth to second division in five seasons before moving to sixth manager in West Ham's

an authorized or recognized

The accusation related to a cup-tie at Newcastle that Swindon lost 5-0. It was alleged that Newcastle, then in the first division, were 13-8 odds-on favourites to win the tie and that the bet of £6,500 at a racecourse on the day of the match produced a winning cheque for £4,000. At the time ficials, players and managers Lionel Smart, a Swindon to bet on any match other than director and vice-president of

the FA, was chairman of the ways. He added: "We have not FA Challenge Cup committee. Dave King, the former sec-

retary of Swindon, said as he left the hearing: "This is a very sad day for Swindon Town football club. As far as I am concerned the verdict vindicates an awful lot of good people who work at Swindon Town.'

Five directors of Swindon attended the hearing, Gary Herbert, the vice-chairman, David Alderton, Nick Arkell, Cecil Green and Smart, plus Vince Farrar, the chief accountant, and George Sims, the former chief steward. Macari was accompanied by Charles King, the West Ham solicitor, and Finn.

It was made clear afterwards that Hillier's suspension will not preclude birn from attending matches, which could include a Wernbley final if Swindon get through two more stages of the Zenith Data Systems competitions.

Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, announcing the verdicts, said the commission regarded the offences as serious and said the costs would be shared three seen any evidence of widespread abuse of that rule."

Finn said: "It is apparent from the punishment imposed on Mr Macari that his minimal involvement in respect of these matters was accepted by the FA. For the past six weeks Mr Macari and his family have been subjected to intense media pressure at times amounting to harassment.

"Now that the matter is behind him we trust and hope he will be allowed to return to a normal life and concentrate on his duties as manager of West Ham, commencing appropriately with the Littlewoods Cup semi final."

There is still a possibility of a Football League hearing involving Swindon. The club has been asked to answer questions in relation to alleged unauthorized payments to players, contrary to rules.

Run up the aisle

Adelaide (AFP) - Yobes Ondieki, the Kenyan long-dis-tance runner, and Lisa Martin, the recently-crowned Commonwealth marathon champion married here at the weekend

Wakefield Trinity get a plum tie in cup draw

the Silk Cut rugby league challenge cup was made at Leeds yesterday.

The two remaining York-shire sides, Bradford Northern and Wakefield Trinity, received home draws, but Whitehaven, the outsiders of the competition, ran out of good fortune and have to visit last season's beaten finalists, St Helens.

Wakefield Trinity drew the plum of the round with a tie at Belle Vue against the holders and favourites, Wigan, Bradford Northern, who have struggled to find their best form, are at home to another side still unable to find their

full potential, Warrington. The second favourites, the champions Widnes, after several years of continuous away ties, have been handed another home game, this time against the second division

side and promotion chal-

lengers, Oldham. Shaun Edwards, the Wigan

Luck was in for Yorkshire, but half, was suitably cautious out for Cumbria, when the draw for the quarter-finals of Wakefield. "We went there to play a championship game early last season, and were well beaten. They ran rings around us in the first half, and though we played better in the second half, we couldn't catch them. We will certainly not be over-confident about this

> Whitehaven had hoped for third consecutive home draw after dismissing first division Leigh and second division Keighley at their own compact Recreation Ground.

They will not relish a visit to St Helens, where last season's finalists, who were not merely beaten, but humiliated, by Wigan at Wembley, are discovering a new lease of life under their New Zealanders. the newly arrived coach, Mike McClellan, and loose forward, Shane Cooper.

The matches will be played on the weekend of February 24 and 25.

END COLUMN

must always be right



There is an affectionate story, told against himself by Denis Howell, of the afternoon he was refereeing a match at Chelsea. Jimmy Greaves, that adolescent magician, evidently disagreed with several decisions by Howell, and said so.

"Look here, young man," Howell said, thinking he would paternally put the youngster in his place, "who do you think is refereeing this

"I don't know," young Jim replied chirpily, "but it certainly isn't either of us." Mike Tyson and Den King have their doubts, too, about Octavio Meyran Sanchez's performance in Tokyo but unless sporting competitors play to the whistle, so to speak, there is no point in games of any kind. Retrospective judgement on the result of an event is an absurdity, if only because of the infinity of

alteration. Imagine watching Liverpool defeat Everton in last season's FA Cup final, going home, and waking up on Sunday to discover that Laucaster Gate had reversed the result. Did Hurst was awarded the controversial goal in the 1966 World Cup final or when Maradona handled againt England in 1986? Of course

Technology does sport no service

Sport is not better off for the revealing techniques of tele-vision, but worse off. Technology removes, albeit with delay, the arguments that are the very essence of sport. Photoment in sprint races. Excellent, you may say. Yet the fun begins when there is scope, which occasionally hap-pens, to disagree with the photograph.

Sport is, or should be, a

lesson in life. Tyson and his manager/agent, King, have just learnt an enormous lesbody makes an error, never mind that it is inadvertent, which alters the course of your

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When I was 18, I won an inter-school 100 yards. The opposition claimed I had the henefit of a false state. nefit of a false start. When subsequently I won the 200 yards by at least a foot, our master in charge diplomati-cally declared it a dead heat. That decision did me more good than any photo-finish camera would have done: certainly as a preparation for Fleet Street.

Rematch the only proper decision

It would be grotesque if the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association were to do anything other than to order a rematch between Tyson and Douglas, whether or not Tyson is contracted to fight Holyfield, who should

receive compensation. Whatever the governing bodies do the record books will show that Douglas was heavy-weight champion, even if officially it was for only a week.

The argument over technology remains: should it be accepted, where available, as intervening evidence for de-cision making. In horse racing, stewards can change the result of a race when inquiry discloses an irregularity during it, but that is no different from disqualification in an Olympic

My opinion would be, on balance, that it is a disadvantage to try to employ technology in a moving sport where instant decision is necessary from moment to moment. American football uses television replays, but American football is little more than

a sequence of set pieces. If we want to avoid long counts in boxing, then perhaps there should be a bazzer, as in Mastermind. It is less complicated, bowever, to live with the human error to which Meyran admits.

What television demonstrates in association football, and even in cricket, is that those whom we entrust to make the decisions are right far more often than they are wrong. When they are deliberately wrong, as has been seen in World Cup or European Cup football from time to time, then we are dependent on the integrity of the governing bodies to do something about it. That is another matter.

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Welsh four passed fit

All four Welsh players in The injuries that caused the

doubt because of injury for the greatest concern were those to rugby union international Emyr and Griffiths. Neither against England at Twick-played for his club on Sat-

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A little help when you need it.

Turkey in job offer to Piontek

Ankara (Reuter) - Turkey has made an offer to the Danish national coach, Sepp Piontek, to take over its national squad. Turkish Football Federation official said yesterday.
"I can confirm that Piontek

has been approached to take over as the technical director of the Turkish national team." the official said.

half, Robert Jones, will have a scrummaging session tonight and the whole team will have a He said that Piontek a former West German interfinal run-out together in Carnational, who has said he will not renew his contract when it expires in June, was contacted by telephone several days ago

> It is likely that Piontek, who guided Denmark to the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico, and two European championship finals, would meet Turkish football officials in West Germany later this week

> to discuss terms. Mustafa Denizli, the former Turkey coach, who led the national team to third place in their World Cup qualifying group for Italy, is working with the Aachen, West Ger-

Treacy's

second

Tokyo (Reuter) - John

Treacy, aged 32, who won a silver medal for Ireland in the

Seoul Olympic Games, took

second place in two hours 11

minutes 23 seconds in the

Tokyo international mara-

The race was won by

Takeyuki Nakayama, of Ja-

pan, in 2hr 10min 57sec. Densimo, of Ethiopia, the

world record holder, came in

Bears details

Manchester Spartans, the Brit-

ish American Football cham-

pions, will play Moscow

Bears, the first Russian side to

tour this country, in an ex-

hibition match on April 1.

Open indoors

Linford Christie, the

Commonwealth 100 metres

champion, will compete this

weekend in the Omron Games

of the 1990 domestic indoor

athletics season.

thon yesterday.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

rule 2624 which forbids of-

Bryant: winning again

Finalist again David Bryant, a nine times

winner, has qualified for the final stages of the English indoor singles bowls championship at Milton Mowbray next month. In the last of his regional qualifying matches at Nailsea yesterday he beat Mike Prosser, 21-16.

Reardon rush

Ray Reardon, aged 58, took iust over two hours to defeat Mark Bennett 6-2 in the first at Cosford, the first big fixture round of the Welsh professional snooker championship at Newport yesterday.

Late bloom Ness Flowers, the former

Wigan scrum half, will make his debut for the Welsh students rugby league team at the age of 35 when he plays against the English Students at South Glamorgan Institute on Sunday. Flowers earned his first Welsh cap in 1980.

Chile change Chile has agreed, with FIFA

backing, to revolutionize its league football to make the game more attractive. The offside law is abolished, throwins will be replaced by kickins, defensive walls are banned for free-kicks 25 metres from goal and corners will be given when the ball goes out of touch so long as it is outside the penalty box. No points will be awarded for goalless draws and clubs who win by at least three goals will get three instead of two points.

Athletics cash

Topline, the Swansea-based group of companies, has agreed a £100,000 sponsorship deal over four years for Welsh

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and Great Britain stand-off

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